Lord Soames on way to Rhodesia despite ceasefire fears

The Government insisted yesterday, in spite of loud Carrington told the Lords: "I am fearful about stability." In Opposition protests in Parliament, that the presence of Lord the Commons, Sir Ian Gilmour gave an even sterner warning Soames in Rhodesia as Governor was vital to safeguard a of the risk that hostilities might increase. Lord Soames is due | a settlement. Announcing the Governor's departure, Lord to arrive today in Salisbury.

Loud Opposition protest about takeover timing

dvance of a final cessefire greenent was vital in order to reserve stability and safe-uard the settlement. Legality ould be restored and all anctions lifted the moment ord Soames arrived today.

Lord Carrington, the Foreign ecretary, told the Lords of the avernant departure as well in overnor's departure as well as ritain's latest proposals to aplement the ceasefire and ded. "I ame fearful at the someon about stability."

noment about stability."
Referring to the Rhodesian dids on Patriotic Front camps at weekend he gave warning at "the ball of wool can In the Commons, Sir Ian ilmour, Lord Privy Seal and reign affairs spokesman, went riher. He said there was a sk hostilities might escapare nere was risk, too, in sending and Soumes, but it was the sser risk. Sir lan went on: We shall achieve tomorrow tat everybody else failed to hieve in the past 15 years; a turn to legality in Salisbury, we lost that chance we might

Opposition, front and ck bench was unimpressed by e haste. Mr James Callaghan, ader of the Opposition, unsuc-ssfully sought from the Prime inister at Question Time and en from Sir Ian—what speci- Lord Soames's departure was instructions had been given not ideal but, they argued, it Lord Soames for dealing with was essential. If what we have achieved so far is not to be

Had Mr Callaghan and Labour eroded by events outside the Ps seen the text of the new conference.

Unless the Government of the lique reference.

forces had already agreed to place themselves under the Governor's authority from the moment he arrived, Mr Callaghan received little enlightenment. He first demanded to know what would happen of General Walls, commander of the Rhodesia forces, ordered an attack outside Rhodesia against the Particic Front, and grumbled that the answer was not

good enough.
Later, after Sir Isn had repeatedly stated that the whole point was to bring cross-border activities by both sides to an end, Mr Callaghan again interwened to say that this too was not good enough. Suppose, he said, the attack came from the tried saying he was confident that the Patriotic Front would

that Lord Soames might have to become involved in hostili-ties, put by both Mr Callaghan and Mr Peter Shore, Labour shadow foreign secretary, that the Government found least Both Lord Carrington and Sir Ian Gilmone admitted that



Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, with Lady Soames when she left the Foreign Office with Lord Soames yesterday to fly to Rhodesia.

details, today's all-day Com-mons debate on the Zimbabwa Bill is likely to be laden with opposition demands for clari-fication. Already yesterday there were hoors of derision at the suggestion that Patriotic Front forces might not move back to Rhodesia. "It's their country", shouted Miss Joan Lestor, Labour MP for Eton and Slough.

and Slough.

At this moment attention was diverted by a shout of answer the bloody question from Mr. Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, with Mr Speaker ordering, and obtaining withdrawal of the expletive. So the point was missed.
But it came closer in the

Lords when Lord Carrington, stating that nothing could be done in Rhodesia without Lord Soames's authority, explained that if all Patriotic Front forces arrangements and ceased mov-

proposal the same runs: "There would be no need in those circumstances for the Governor to ask the Rhodesian forces to deploy from their company bases."

Mr Shore suggested that the

reason for what he called this "extraordinary acceleration" was that by roday the existing Rhodesian authorities would have voted themselves out of existence, leaving "a lacuna". That is, in fact, only part, perhaps the greater part, of the Government's reasoning. For in sending Lord Soames now, as planned last Thursday, the Government also wanted to show the Patriotic Front there could be no more delay. But Sir Ian Gilmour chose

to concentrate on the need for making ceasefire arrangements, on the spot, as soon as Lord Soames arrived. He confirmed

that no outside military forces, either from Britain or the other Commonwealth countries supplying contingents for the monitoring force, would arrive in Rhodesia until the ceasefire

Yesterday the Conservative Yesterday the Conservative benches were again far from exultant over the Government. But one rightwinger, Mr Ronald Bell. MP for Beaconsfield, congratulated them for ending what he called the disgraceful process whereby the Patriotte From had been trying to delay an election until the rainy tension provided better cover for terrorism?

terrorism". Sir Ian declined to speculate on the Patriotic Front's motives. He also declined to answer Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Streetford, whether Britain had received assurances from the front line presidents that all guerrills infiltration in-to Rhodesia would now be con-

approved after bitter debate

a bitter debate in the Dail last night on the choice of Ireland's seventh Prime Minister. After 82 rotes to 62.

Mr Charles Haughey, new leader of the ruling Flanna Fail Party, at dispassionately only his political wisdom but its previous prime ministers,

The main opposition party Fine Gael ordered its back benches to filibuster in what should have been a short debate Within a few hours Mr Haughey had expected the Dail

debate to be over, so he could present himself to President Patrick Hillery and receive the seal of office, which had been handed in at 10 am by Mr Jack Lunch

Party, however, kept the new leader from his appointment and left the nation in suspense over the proposed new Cabinet until late last night. The antipathy towards Mr

The antipathy towards Mr Haughey was exceptional. He stared expressionless across the small Dail chamber as Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Fine Gael leader, launched a lengthy and impassioned critique. He declared that the party would rue its misjudgment.

"First", said Dr FitzGerald, there is the question mark that remains over a man

that remains over a man accused of importing arms for the IRA". For nine years after the trial Mr Haughey had refused to utter one word of condemnation of the IRA. No minister was precluded from expressing abhorrence for the IRA and its murders, its robberies, north and south, its orgy of destruction, and its threat to democratic institu-

He continued: "If Mr Haughey abhorred the IRA and Continued on page 2, col 5

New record gold price reflects world instability

By Caroline Atkinson The gold price The gold price soured to record levels in the bullion markets yesterday, jumping \$15, an ounce to close at \$4471.4

Dealers reported hectic activity as the price rose to new reading beights. The previous record was \$437 an ounce in early October. Many in the market now expect the price to rise above \$450—the next psychological barrier. Gold has strengthened in the

past few weeks as a result of uncertainty surrounding the world's financial system. The Iranian crisis, and the prospect of higher oil prices being fixed at next week's meeting of the the dollar and sent speculators into gold, the traditional hedge against currency instability. Leading article, page 15

Mr Haughey Terrorists shoot ten students and staff at Turin University

Turin, Dec 11.—A group of left-wing terrorists, including several women, raided the university business «chool here today, berded more than 200 teachers and students into the main half then after questioning them opened fire on ten of

The victims-five lecturers and five students-had broken legs and kneecaps and were in fair condition at nearby hospitals. Police sources said it was the

first rime the Italian terrorists resorted to a mass kneecapping and was one of the " most carefully planned masterfully executed terrorist raids in ltaly, where terrorists have previously killed 17 people and kneecapped 20.

Four of the wounded lecturers were officials of Fiat, which provides financial and technical assistance to the school. Fiat officials have often been the target of leftist terrorists. One lecturer was from Olivettl.

Police said the terrorists who numbered at least a dozen also left a note saying the attack had been carried out "in bonour of comrades Barbara and Mattero." Police said the terrivists apparently referred to Barbara Azzaroni and Mattero Caggegi, both Front Line terrorists who were killed in a gun battle with police in Turin last February. teachers, students and clerical staff in the school at the time of the attack.

The terrorists, wielding submachine guns and pistols, dragged the teachers and the students out of the offices, classrooms, and the library and ordered them into the hall for "threatening lecture", the

one of the terrorists mounted the podium and told the auditence that they were taking over the school for "proleterian occupation" because it was a professional than the school for "proleterian occupation" because it was

occupation" because it was "part of the power structure". The terrorists then "selected" the five teachers and five students, dragged them out to the courtyard and shot them on their knees, police said.

A police source said the terrorists had attempted "brainwashing" during their one-hour takeover of the school, affiliated with Turin University and partly supported by Fiat, the Italian automotive giant.

"We followed their (terrorists') odders like a flock of sheep". Barbara Bosco, aged 22, a librarian, said. "We were so scared but the terrorists—and there were several women, too—were so cool and they

too-were so cool and they seemed to know exactly what

they wanted.

The terrorists also rified through the school documents and took "volumes of papers", police said.—A Pand UPI.

More Shell drivers go back to work

By Donald Macintyre Shell management will meet Transport and General Workers' Union negotiators today after further signs of fast-dwindling support for the strike over the use of contract

Although the company said vesterday that about 80 per cent of its filling stations had run dray, supplies should increase rapidly over the next few days. Employees at 32 of the com-pany's 45 main depots had

resumed normal working by last night or had decided to do so, the company said.

The dispute began when about 500 drivers at 14 terminals were suspended for refus-

The company wants to increase supplies handled by

outside contractors from their present 8 to 9 per cent to pre-vious levels of about 15 per cent and eventually to about a quarter. The management has told the union, however, that it will not implement the increases, which shop stewards fear will mean losses of jobs, until the effect on individual depots has been discussed.

Among depots returning to normal are six of the 14 at which drivers had been suspended. The company indicated last night that the drivers had rescinded their ban on outside On Friday shop stewards

representing the 1,500 drivers and terminal staff voted to prolong the strike after the com-pany refused the union's demand for arbitration, but the return to work over the past few days appears to leave the management in a strong posi-tion for this morning's talks.

Wales takes brunt of steel cuts

By Peter Hill

British Steel Corporation last night set an eight-month deadline for completing its Draconian cuts in capacity and 52,000 jubs which are designed to reduce its overheads by £450m and lift productivity to international levels.

The axe will fall on all the corporation's major steel-making centres, with South Wales plants at Lianwern and Port Talbot hearing the brunt. Further labour cutbacks are regarded as vital in the longer term, involving perhaps a further 20,000 workers and a capital restruc-

Decisions on the plant and labour rundown were t≉ken by a meeting of the BSC board

Sir Charles Villiers, the cor There will be great anger in the plants, but I have to tell you that there will be greater not do what we now see to be our duty".

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The corporation, which has lost over £1,000m in the last few years and which, in the present financial year will lose a further £300m, is being forced to take tough action because of collapsing demand and the Government's refusal to fund its revenue losses beyond the end of the financial year.

But although subject to a cash limit of £450m for next year, it seems inevitable that BSC will seek further aid on the basis of the cutbacks it now

Details of cuts, name 17

3ritish sanctions are expected to be ended tonight

British sanctions against Rhodesia will end tonight as sooon as Lord Soames's authority has been accepted. United Nations Security Council. Commonwealth ambassa-dors and the front line presidents, and EEC partners of these moves last night

One of Lord Soames's first actions, it is expected, will be to try to establish normal relations with neighbouring countries, particularly opening up the links to Zambia for the transport of maize.

Cutting NHS ureaucracy

government consultative document aims at ting health service bureaucracy and concening responsibility at district and hospital il. Most of the 90 area authorities would appear to be replaced by between 150 and district authorities. Jobs will be lost. The tree of the Community Health Councils is biful and the Labour Party said they would it to retain them. The British Medical ociation criticized a proposal for consultants the appointed by the new districts. Page 4

eft fails on missiles

t-wing Labour MPs failed to force an reducy debate on the proposed deployment. Imerican nuclear weapons in Britain. The ne Minister confirmed her support for the Prican proposals, saying it would be a mity for Nato if theatre nuclear weapons e not modernized Page 2

oycott's brilliant 105

land bear Australia by 72 runs in their one cricker international in Sydney. Boycott, made 105 brillianily, was man of the match r being nearly run out off the first ball; and scored 264 for seven wickets, to which ey contributed 64

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nel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, accused Mr ir Arafat, of the Palestine Liberation, nisation, of betraying the Palestinian cause said Libra was cutting off contributions e PLO. Colonel Gaddaff also set aside earlier ats to the United States and said he wanted aprove Libyan-American relations Page 7

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Plea over theologian

A memorandom calling for "clear thinking" by British Roman Catholics over the case of Professor Edward Schillebeecks, the theologian summoned to explain his writings on such subjects as the Resurrection has been issued by Archbishop Brano Beim, who, as Apostolic Delegate in London, is the Pope's personal represensaive.

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of the main reasons for the breakdown of the marriage. "She is still fond of him," the 26 Theatres, etc 10, 11 source said, " and she will want 16 25 Years Ago 16 Universities 8, 9 Weather 27 Wills to provide for him well."

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Anger breaks out in Brussels at French opposition to 'green pound' devaluation From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Dec 11 The total cost of the five-

Brussels, Dec 11

A furious argument broke out here today between Britain and France over the refusal of M Pierre Mehaignerie, the French Minister of Agriculture, to agree to a devaluation of the "green pound" and hence to an increase in the prices paid to British farmers. An angry Mr Peter Walker, the British Minister of Agriculture, warned his EEC colleagues that unless France changed its mind, Britain "might have to start using French techniques". That, he said, could paralyse all discussions in the Council of Ministers.

M Mehaignerie's artitude re-

M Mehaignerie's attitude reflected intense French irritation with what is regarded in Paris as British obstructionism towards attempts by the EEC to rationalize wine production and

Mrs Onassis

seeks divorce

from Russian

Athens, Dec 11

From Our Own Correspondent

Mrs Christina Onassis, aged

28, the shipping owner, has instructed her Greek lawyer to

file a petition for divorce from

her third husband, Mr Sergei

Kauzov, a Soviet citizen aged

Mr Stelios Papadimitriou, her

lawyer, who confirmed today that he had received the in-

structions, said he was considering where to file the petition. The civil marriage was per-

formed at a wedding palace in

Moscos: 16 months ago.
Mr Papadimitriou said he was invoking "irreconcilable differences" as grounds for the

divorce. He understood that

Mr Kauzov was applying for a divorce on the same grounds.

Sources close to Mrs Onassis

indicated that boredom was one

transferred recently to her hus-

band's name the ownership of one of her tankers valued at

to set up a common marker for Ismb and mutton.

Mr Walker, however, made it clear that Britain considered it was fully within its rights in asking for a "green pound" devaluation and had no intention of being "blackmailed" into making concessions on other matters in return.

Despite his tough talk Mr Walker made an important concession to the French tonight on wine. He agreed to

tonight on wine. He agreed to a higher level of EEC financing of measures to help wine growers in France and Italy than he had previously prepared to accept.

The main purpose of the measures is to reduce the output, while improving quality, of Mediterranean vine-quality, of Mediterranean vine-quality producers to turn to other crops or to abandon wine-

year programme envisaged by the European Commission would amount to some £540m. As Britain would have to pay a heavy contribution, without gaining any direct benefit, Mr Walker had been auxious to keep the share of the cost borne by the EEC budget to Mr Walker asked yesterday

for a 5 per cent devaluation of the "green pound", the special exchange rate used to translate the EEC's common farm prices (expressed in units of around the common farm prices (expressed in units of around the common farm prices (expressed in units of around the common terminal translations). of account) into sterling.

This would add some £150m to the income of British farmers and about 1 per ceut to the price of food in the shops. Au Italian request for a 5 per cent devaluation of the " green lira" was also being blocked

Union seeks libel damages for article in 'The Times'

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

A trade union had no legal right to sue for libel, either in its own right or on behalf of its members, it was argued in the High Court vesterday.

Mr Justice O'Connor was being asked to rule on a preli-

minary point of law in a libel action brought by the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication, and Plumbing Union against Times Newspapers Ltd. Mr William Rees-Mogg. Editor of The Times, and Mr. Paul Routledge, the newspaper's Labour Editor, over an article in The Times in November

Mr. Anthony Lester QC, counsel for Times Newspapers; said that the case raised issues of considerable general import ance, affecting the basic right of freedom of expression, the status of trade unions, and the capacity of trade unions to sue and to be sued for defamation. Since 1974, he went on, trade unions had been given very wide immunities from legal action against them. Not even the Crown enjoyed such immuni-

law gave unions an entirely one-sided right to sue for tort-including defamation, though not able to be sued because of

the immunities given to it under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974.

"Are they free to defame others, yet able to sue if they themselves have been de-famed? Mr Lester asked.

He argued that Parliament contemplated there should be some reciprocity between the unions' right to sue and their immunity from legal action. As a trade union could not be sued for defamation, it could not sue

Mr Lester said that the trade union was not a "body cor-porate", and that therefore it did not have the necessary legal personality to maintain an action for libel.

Moreover, it could not sue on behalf of all its 420,000 members, without identifying those individual members who had heen defamed. The main purpose of the law of defamation was to vindicate the personal reputations of individuals, he

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HOME NEWS.

Mrs Thatcher firm on missiles as left fails to force debate

Mrs Thatcher yesterday con-firmed an the Commons her determination to back American he wanted a reduction in proposals for strengthening the wanted a reduction in proposals for strengthening the wanted a reduction in the proposal for strengthening to the first thing would be to persuade the failed in their attempt to force an emergency debate before today's joing meeting in Brussels of Nato defence and servative benches that more foreign ministers.

foreign ministers. The Prime Minister told the House that Mr Francis Pyan, the Defence Secretary, would be making a statement to-morrow after the important decision had been taken in Brussels on theatre, nuclear forces, and the American request that they should be deployed in five European countries including Britain.

Mrs. Thatcher, to loud Con-servative cheers, said it would be a calamity for the whole alliance if a decision to modernize theatre nuclear weapons was not taken. The greatest danger to any country, was weakness in defence, she

which was refused by the Speaker, Mr Frank Allaun, MP for Salford East Secretary would be supporting. proposals that nuclear missiles under American control should again be deployed on British

Mr Allaun said. Mr Robert Cryer, Labour MPfor Keighley, leading the left-wing attack, said that the more

anywhere if we all finished no in a radioactive cinder heap. Mrs-Thatcher replied that if

servative benches that more than 90 per cen of the population supported an increase in defence spending, the Prime Minister agreed that most people wished to see our free-dom properly defended, with enough troops and enough nuclear forces to deter any potential aggressors at each and every level.

As the clamour for a debate continued, Mr Callaghan decided to swim with the tide, although he made clear, to derisive rumblings from the Tory benches, that he might well not find himself wholly in agreement with all Labour MPs. Indeed, Mr Callaghan did not appear to consider the matter as urgent, a priority as did some of his bachbeuchers.

To suggestions that the Op-position could have chosen nuclear weapons for one of their own debate days, he re-plied that the subjects chosen were equally important bue he would continue to press for a debate in government time. soil. There must be no anni With the House rising for hilarion without representation, the Christmas recess at the end

MPs to study | Mr Hume council to No 10 house sales

By Our Political Correspondent The first of the new departmental select committees of the Commons to decide on a specific subject for investigation is the Environmental Committee. whose chairman is Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann, a solicitor and Labour MP for Merton. Mitcham and Morden.

It will examine the financial sale of council houses.

Yesterday, through their clerk, Mr Andrew Hubner, the committee members said that they would welcome written evidence and indications of a with to give oral evidence from people who have published works of this subject.

The Foreign and Common-wealth Select Committee yes-terday elected Mr Anthony ershaw. Conservative MP for Stroud, as chairman, Their first task will be to examine the working of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office before choosing a subject for special

Meanwhile the Social Services Select Committee is in a pre-dicament by failing to elect a chairman. Mr David Ennals, former Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mrs Renéa Short, Labour MP for Wolverhampton, North-east, who has had much experience in chairing similar committees, received four votes each. The committee s to meet again to settle the

Plaid Cymru are complaining that neither of their two MPs has been given a place on the Welsh Affairs Committee.

invited

vited Mr John Hume, the new leader of Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party, for talks at Downing

Tre future of the Covern ment's initiative on Northern Ireland and its proposed political conference lie largely with Mr Hume, and it is expected that Mrs Thatcher will try hard to tempt him to attend the conference.

The SDLP has delayed the talks by refusing to take part because it has been told it will be ruled out of order if it ttempts to discuss the so-called Irish dimension.

The party's attitude prompted Mr Gerard Fitt, MP for Belfast, West, to quit as is leader No date is understood to have

been fixed for the meeting, but in view of the commitments of both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Hume it is believed they will not meet until after Christmas.

Union of Engineering Workers are consident that they will

comfortably survive a campaign to unseat them because of their

handling of the case of Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed convener at BL's Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

The union's branch at North-field, Birmingham, has passed a resolution calling for the re-moval from office of the union's

Big guns aim for 10,000 mobile votes

into the Hertfordshire South West constituency vesterday in a final push to decide the battle for second place in tomorrow's

campaign with a public meeting addressed by Mr Wedgwood Benn, while Mr Dane Clouston, the Liberal hopeful, was rely ing on the unusual combination of Mr David Steel and Mr Dick Taverne, QC, who was accom-penying the Liberal Leader to warn any remaining wavering voters that Labour was no oters that Labour was no onger the party of Gairskell. Mr Richard Page, the Conser-

Mr Richard Page, the Conservative candidate, is confident of keeping the sear in Government hands in the light of a 16,328 majority by his predecessor at the general election. But none the less he finished his campaign in style, with a visit from Lord Thorneycroft, the party chairman, bearing a message of cheer from the Prime Minister.

With no burning local issues to raise the political temperature in this predominantly suburban constituency 20 miles from the City, the campaign has been fought chiefly on the Government's economic

... Mr Page has campaigned on the necessity for unpleasant measures to steer the economy to calmer waters. He describes

the local voters as "economically literate", and claim that most of them realize the need for cuts in public spend-But not even Mr Page expects to repeat the geenral election performance of Mr Geoffrey

After a shaky and unpromis-ing start the Labour bandwagon has begun to roll in earnest under the capable direction of their candidate, Mrs Susan Reeves, who has emerged as an earnest and energetic cam-paigner. She claims to have detected strong opposition to cuts in the education budget, an area in which Hertfordshire has traditionally spent heavily.

Mrs Reeves, who has directed most of her energy significantly and

most of her energy against pub lic expenditure cuts, says she finds it extraordinary, although comforting, that undecided voters are choosing between

Tory and Labour rather than
Tory and Liberal.

"The Tories seem quitt unaware of the reality of what they
art doing, that their policies are affective people", she says.

The dark horse in the race

is Mr Dane Clouston, of distant Viking ancestry, whose Liberal campaign at one stage was exciting hopes of another Orping-ton revival. He is expecting to cream off a large Tory vote which thought it was putting a less severe brand of Conservarism into power.
General election: G. H. Dodsworth (C) 33.112; A. J. Colman (Lab) 16,784; G. Cass (L) 9,808;
P. Graves (Nat Front) 839. C maj:

Union chiefs confident on Robinson case

executive because it decided to hold an internal inquiry into whether Mr Robinson was fairly dismissed rather than call an official strike in his defence. The far-left Charter group in

the engineering union has started a campaign for more branches to follow suit. The campaign leaders say that more than 50 branches have already

done so. Under the union's rules a

Challenge to the City's election practices

By Annabel Ferriman.

The election practices of the City of London Frustrate the democratically. I expressed wishes of the electorate and percetuate an oligarchy, it was claimed in the High Court yes-

zerday. Mr Donald Säk, a solicitor from the Barbican, in the City of London, is challenging the right of the City's Court of Aldermen to exclude him after he was duly elected for the Aldersgare ward on July 23 last. The aldermen refused to approve his election at a meet-

ing in September.

Mr John Elvidge, counsel for Mr Silk, told Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Park, that his client had been elected by 206 votes to 195, but the court had refused to accept him by 20 votes to one on the ground that he was not a fit and suitable necessar.

ble person. Mr knew of no reason why he was not considered suitable and had never been given one. In making their determination,

Pensioners

to lose most

About 1,750,000 people, most of them persioners, will lose as a result of changes proposed in the Social Security Bill Bir another, 750,000 claimants will

will neither gain nor lose. The figures were given in

parliamentary written reply by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under-Secretary of State for Social Security, in response to questions from Mr Jeffrey Rooker,

a Labour spokesman on social

security. The information was not available when the Bill was

published two weeks ago.

Mrs Chalker emphasized that

Mrs Chalker emphasized that there would be transitional rules to prevent an overall loss of benefit for "the vast majority of claimants". The only exception would be those with more than £2,000 capital, who would be excluded from benefit by the Bill.

That change would mean that 13,000 people would lose all their benefit; but 36,000 claimants with capital between £1,200 and £2,000 would receive extra

The largest group of losers would be the 1,889,000 claim-

ants receiving the higher long

term rate of supplementary benefits. Most claimants in that

group are pensioners. But 553,000 people now receiving the lower "ordinary" rates of

supplementary benefit would receive more benefit.

Another large group of losers would be the 320,000 families claiming supplementary benefit whose house-

holds contain a non-dependant

expected to contribute towards

he rent. About 400,000 school-leaver:

aged under 19 would lose from the Bill's proposal to delay their entitlement to benefit until the end of the holiday after they left school.

required to ask for their leader-ship's removal from office be-fore a ballot can take place. Then a two-thirds majority is

mand.

The inquiry team, composed of three members of the execu-

tive, will hold its next session on Monday but its findings are not expected to be made public until the new year.

under Bill

By Pat Healy



Mr Donald Silk :

Middle Ages, and under that custom they could reject and tlected alderman three times and then put another citizen in

expressed views of the elect anything after firer torate. In these days it does was sometimed. not seem right. I am sure that the last find the aldermen's the electors would be emazed veto was challenged in court to be told that their wishes was in the IRBs.

Mr Iain Gliffwell, QC, for the court of Milermen, said that was introduced that the veto the Court of Milermen, said

He claimed that the veto the Court of Addermen, said used was invalid under law that before at man could because of the terms of the become an addenuan of the Representation of the People City of London at had to go. Act, 1949, which applied to through two Riges The first City elections in the same way was an election whose rules as to any other.

Aldermen had been about the Representation of the Fenole lished elsewhere in England Act. and Wales under the Local Government Sct, 1972, but had been allowed to remain in the City of London because in the City they were democratically elected. Any suggestion of a parliaveto is recognant to Parlia-ment" his affidavis said. Mr Elwidge said that when

went back to the Mr Silb was presented to the and under that meeting of 22 sidermen on could reject at September 16 no offerstroms man three times were put t nhim, so he had no another citizen in chants of snawering any of the matters, which have been wor-

in an affidavit Mr Sak said trying them, which was con-then the alderman were safe to trary to manufact fusing. Nor feastrate the demonstrately was be given any change to say expressed views of the elect anything larger their decision

The second was the proce dure by which the person elected had to submit himself for adoption by the Court of Aldermen. That stage was

Before 1714 the electors chose four aldermen for one vacancy, from which the existing aldermen chose one or none. That was changed to the present system in 1714 thaning the reign of Wassen Anne.

Supporter tells of train killing

provided with drunken?"
Scotland supporters after his friend med to stop a Glasgow gang molesping a girl, it was alleged at Chester Couwn Count

yesterday.

Mr. George Miliauphie, Mr.

Mugray's imother in low, said
the strack came before Mr.

Murray could leap to safety
from the moving train after a terrifying chase through the carriages. Mr Murray, who had been stabbed several times around the chest, died in his

Paul Carberry, aged 17, an apprentice shippard worker, of flower Street, Glasgow, denies murdering Mr. Murray, of Mountaine Terrace, New Cumneck, Strathchyde, early on May 25. He has also pleaded not guity to wounding with intent another man in the train, Michael McRain, aged 22, of Skerrymore Road, Glasgow.

Too many tourists for worried Windsor

British Rail and Madame

Tussaud's have appealed against a refusal by Windsor and Mardenhead District Council to approve a new permanent ex-hibition devoted to "Royalty and Railways" at Windsor and Plans for the exhibition in-clude the restoration of the station building, which is listed grade two together with the Brunel train shed and Queen Victoria's private waiting room, new used by a newspaper wholesalen

wholesalen. We see the scheme as a means of putting a listed building to good use and at the same time getting an income from it. British Rall said yesterday. The council's reason for rejecting the scheme against the advice of its officers, is that it would bring extra visions to the town, which for the year is already "It would be quite wrong to suggest that the council is against tourists", Mr. John Cubring, a member of the plan-But what you have to bear in mind is that Windsor already aftracts between five and six

Many people took the view that the likely effect on tourism should not be a planning consideration. But if you flood a place with too many bodies, then in my view that is had planning, he added.

Reitish Rail claim that there British Rail claim that there considerable local suppor

is considerable local supporter the proposed exhibition, are that it has been welcomed bresidents groups, the touriboard and the chamber of

A public consultation exercise conducted by the council also indicated a majority in favour.

Mr Jarratt, however, maintains, that most residents' groups are unrepresentative of public opinion.

Mrs June Prowse holding her son Sebastian, aged 12 months, after a tree crashed on to his nursery in their cottage at Stoke Gabriel, in south Devon.

Chaos on roads as storms lash south of England

Wind and rain lashed Britain yesterday, bringing chaos to many roads. Storm damage appeared worst in the south of England.

Motorists were warned to take extreme care in conditions described as "atrocious", and parts of the West Country were winds reached more than

50mph in several places and 104mph at Prawle Point, South Devon. An 89mph wind was recorded in Guernsey.
In south Devon a baby aged 12 months escaped when a pine tree crashed into his nursery in force 10 winds.

His parents, Mr Anthony Prowse, a solicitor, and his wife June, found him laughing happily in the wrecked room in their 350-year-old cottage in Stoke Gabriel.

In Hampshire fallen trees blocked several main roads, including three leading inm. Stockbridge. The AA said: "Hampshire certainly had the worst of it. There is debris everywhere ". There was a six-mile traffic

jam on the M1 after two lorries jack-knifed near St Albans, Hernfordshire, and traffic came to a standstill on the M5.at the Honiton turnoff in Devon when

on the M4 a 30mph speed limit was in force on the Severn Bridge, with only one lane operating in each direction.

"The weather seems worse than it really is because we have been enjoying such a mild spell", the AA said. The London Weather Centre also said the high winds and rain were "nothing exceptional" for Dec-

Mr Docherty says he wants to prosecute attackers By Craig Seton

Mr Tommy Docherty, manager of Queen's Park Rangers. football club, yesterday denied that be had asked police not to prosecute a gang of soccer Saturday.

Mr Docherty is recovering from an operation to a leg-injury he suffered in the strack when he was returning home; by train to Derbyshire on Saturday. He was quoted as saying from his bedside at Stockport Infirmary: It is monsense to say I will not prosecute. I went to prosecute the four or five hooligans who licked and punched me while. I was on the floor. The police will not be able to find them, that is the problem."

Mr Docherty's denial brought more confusion to what actually happened after the attack on the train. One man who was detained by police was released at the weekend and yesterday Greater Manchester Police insisted that the menager had told them he did not wish to make a formal complaint.

Supt Malcolm George, of Greater Manchester Police, explained yesterday that the weekend attack on Mr Tommy Docherty, the foodball club manager, was unwikely to lead to a prosecution because in general, reluctance to complain would weaken a prosecution case tion casé Supt Malcolm George sand no

police action was contemplated at this stage, although the right to prosecute key with the police and not Mr Docherty. Mr Docherty was reported as

saying yesterday that he hed damage ", but that he would willingly prosecute the four or five who "put the boot in". He had witnesses who could identify those people.

After an operation for a leg injury he was yesterday said to be "fairly comfortable" at Stockport Infirmary. A hospital spokesman said the leg was in plaster. He was likely to leave hospital this week, but would be controlled to the contro be on crutches for several

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Coal industry on course again, Sir Derek says

Output from Britain's collieries during the week in which the miners voted to accept the National Coal Board's 20 per cent wage offer was, the highest since March last year.

Last week's figures are likely to be even better, Sir Derek Ezra, the board chairman, said when he visited Hucknall colliery, near Nottingham, yester-

Deep-mined output was one million tonnes higher than in the same period last year and the industry was back on course. to achieve its output objective for the year, Sir Derek said. In the 33 weeks since the beginning of the financial year the board had sold 6,200,000 tonnes more coal than last year, the biggest increase being in its power station business.

"Because of the amicable settlement of our wage negotiations the industry can now go on too to build from a secure base. That is the immediate benefit from last week's ballot result", Sir Derek said.

Mr Haughey names new Cabinet

wished to clear his name of any sympathy with them after the experience of being accused of conspiring to import arms for their benefit, he could have done so at any moment since the trial ended."

A man with that background could not by any stretch of the imagination ofter reassurance to Northern Protectants looking

to Northern Protestants looking southwards. Dr FitzGerald said he could not endorse the candi-dature of a man who would represent a barrier to unity by agreement.
Mr Frank Cluskey the Labour
Party leader, said Mr Haughey
was unfit for office.

was unfit for office.
The new Cabinet is:
Energy, Mr. George Colley;
Foreign Affairs, Mr Brian Lenlian; Defence, Mr Padraig Faultner; Industry and Commerce, Mr
Desmond O'Malley; Justice, Mr
Gerard Collins; Finance, Mr
Gerard Collins; Finance, Mr
Michael O'Kennedy; Environment,
Mr Sylvester Barrett; Labour
Relations, Mr Gene Fitzgerald;
Education, Mr John Patrick Wilson: Amiculture, Mr Ray Macson; Agriculture, Mr Ray Mars Sharry: Irish Speaking Affairs Mrs Maire Geoghegan-Quinn Health, Mr Buchael Woods Fisheries, Mr Patrick Power Mrs Maire G Health, Mr S Fisheries, Mr Posts and Telecon Albert Reynolds.

British traditions 'best to protect human rights'

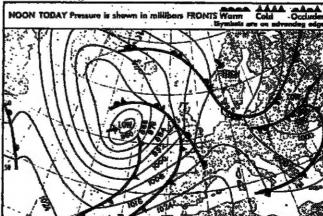
Rights yesterday expressed. scepticism about incorporatingrights into British law.

Professor James Fawcett told students of the police staff col-lege a Bramshill in Hamp-shire: I am a little sceptical whether it is the best way of atheriter it is the best way of the inaugural Lord. Fletcher achieving the result we want. Lecture in London. "These lecture 2500 applications to the some of them. In the old days committee. which were toold protect out fundarications. Which were mental freedoms. But we do not seem inclined to do it were treated as substantive.

The President of the Euro- Lodd Denning, the Master of pean Commission of Human the Rolls, said on Monday that he was beginning to think that the human rights convention, which contained most funda-mental freedoms, should be incorporated into British law because of "the tendency now adays for judges to forget their duties".

He told about 500 lawyers at

Weather forecast and recordings



Midnight . New Moon: December 19.

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.28 am. Bigh Water: London Bridge 7.13 am, 5.8m (18.9ft); 7.58 pm, 5.9m (19.2ft); Avonmouth 12.17 am. 10.1m (33.1ft); 12.40 pm, 10.1m (33.1ft); Dover 4.40 am, 5.6m (18.2ft); 5.27 pm, 5.1m (15.9ft); Hall 12.3 pm, 5.7m (18.6ft); Liverpool 5.3 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 5.22 pm, 7.3m (24ft).

A deep depression will move quickly towards W Britain, with associated fronts affecting most parts. Forecasts for 5 am to midnight:

London, Bast Anella, E. NE England: Dry and bright at first, rain later: wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°P). SE, central S, NW, central N cloudy, occasional rain or England, Midlands, Channel showers; wind S or SW, fresh; Islands: Becoming cloudy, our max temp 5°C (41°F).

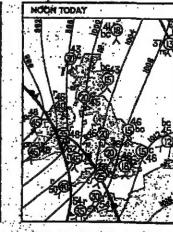
breaks of rain, heavy in places SW England, Wales: Cloudy. rain becoming widespread, heavy in places, blustery showers; wind SW, strong to gale, increasing to storm on coasts and hills; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Treland; Becoming mostly cloudy, rain at times, some heavy; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, cantral Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland : Mostly dry and bright at first, becoming cloudy with rain at times; wind SW, fresh, increasing to storm; max temp 6°C (43°F). Argyli, NW Scotland Mosny cloudy, rain 30 times, perhaps heavy in places; wind SW, fresh or strong, perhaps gale; max temp 7°C (45°F).

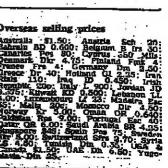
Orkney. Shetland : Mostly:

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud; f. fair, m. mist; r. rain; s. sun; sz, szow.



Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 5 am to 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.22in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,000.5 millibars, rising. 1.000 millibars=29.53in.



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If your present expectations fall short of this list, consider the new Short Career Commission for Seaman Officers in the Royal Navy.

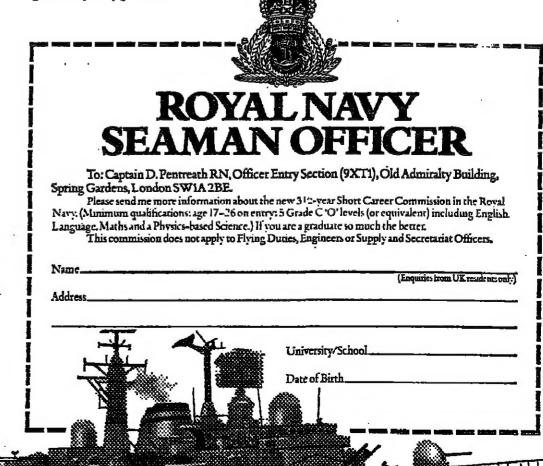
If accepted, you'll spend a term at Dartmouth, 6 weeks in the Training Ship, 4 months in an operational warship, and 3½ months on a course at the School of Maritime Operations.

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The Navys new Short Career Commission.

Health service bureaucracy will be cut and jobs will vanish in simplified structure

The complicated manage-ment structure that has stifled quick decision-making since the reorganization of the National Heatrn Service in 1974 is to be untangled over the next two

A government consultative single level, the hospital document, published yesterday under to title Patients First, is aimed at reducing bureaucracy and concentrating responsibility at district and hospital level.

There was much wastage. There would be no automatic transfer of forces to the new authorities. amed at reducing bureaucracy and concentrating responsibility at district and hospital level.

Most of the 90 area health authorities will disappear, to be replaced by between 150 and 180 district authorities. The structure will be simplified and duplication of functions at two or three levels will on Same or three levels will go. Some jobs will be lost. The Govern-

jobs will be lost. The Government estimates that the changes will save 10 per cent, about £30m, of administrative and management costs.

Some office premises will be sold and the money put to patient care. The future of Community Health Councils, the public's "Watch-dog", is put in question.

Doctors are likely strongly to resist a proposal that consultant resist a proposal that consultant appointments should be the

able form of "consultation docu-

"In many areas it sets out firm proposals which are not open to argument or dis-cussion", Mr Stapley Orme, MP for Salford, West, who was Minister for Social Security in the Labour Government.

the Labour declared.

"Its main interest lies in the nut right the disast-

attempt to put right the disast-rous decisions made by Sir Keith Joseph in the Conserva-

tive Government's reorganiza-tion of the health service in 1974."

The Opposition will insist on an early Commons debate on the document and on the report of the Royal Commission on the

Health Service.

"We think the paragraph on the community health councils sounds the death knell for these useful bodies, which the royal commission recommended should be strengthened and given wider powers", Mr Orma

Government,

By George Clark should be some body repre-Political Correspondent senting the views of consumers Labour Party spokesmen found Patients First a remark ment and the administration of

the community health councils not to not can inquiry into the sounds the death knell for these useful bodies, which the royal commission recommended should be strengthened and given wider powers", Mr Orme said.

"It is crucial that there are massive problems.

"There are four helth authorities responsible for London, with 12 teaching hospitals, 13 postgraduate hospitals, an inner-city zone which is a

"the top hamper of manage-ment". There was duplication at two or three levels of management of domestic, catering and portering services.

functions to the new authorities. Staff concerned would be consulted but the idea of a national staff commission had been rejected.

That must all be brought to a

The Government says that maximum delegation of responsibility to those in the hospital and community services within policies determined by the dis-trict authorities, matched by a strengthening of hospital man-agement, is the most important

Each big hospial or group, and associated community ser-vices, should have a senior administrator and nurse, who would take responsibility in conjunction with medical staff. appointments should be the responsibility of the new district authorities.

Discussion on the document must be completed by April 30, after which the 14 regional authorities will have to introduce the changes over about two years.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday: "The service needs effective local teadership.

conjunction with medical staff. Wherever possible the two should be directly responsible to the district administrator and nursing officer, and hospital staff in non-clinical supportive services should be accountable to the hospital administrator.

About 38 single district areas already existed and would not be changed. All multidistrict areas should be reconstructed.

Most new districts would have

the health service, and we shall fight for the retention of these councils."

He criticized the sections on

industrial democracy. While admitting that Labour did not

have much success when it tried to introduce that change, Mr Orme said that the unions were now showing closer interest, and it was not the time to abandon

the idea.

Reducing the representation

of local authorities on the district health authorities was a retrograde step. Those council-lors represented essential local

Mr Rolland Moyle, MP for Lewisham, East, former Mini-ster of State for Health, said: "We fundamentally disagree with the Government's decision

not to hol dan inquiry into the

By John Roper

That is what we are determined a population of 200,000 or more.

A few might be below 150,000.

The complicated manage.

The proposals were aimed at and a very few above 500,000. A few might be below 150,000 and a very few above 500,000. Regional authorities would consult universities about medical schools' needs.

The membership of the new authorities would be reduced from 33 for the biggest area health authority to about 20, and the chairman, appointed by the Secretary of State. There would be four local

authority members. The pracgeneral practitioner, a nurse, a university nominee and a trade unionist as members would con-tinue; but there would not be formally elected staff representarives on the authorities.

Present arrangements for the administration of the family practitioner services should be

retained, but one Family Practitioner Committee might cover more than one district.

The document says that in future health authorities will be less remote from local services and therefore the need for separate "consumer representation" as provided by Community Health Councils was less clear. Next year the councils would cost £4m. That money, Mr Jenkins suggested, might be better spent on parant care. future health authorities will be better spent on patient care.

After the proposed changes come into effect, the regional health authorities will come under scrutiny.

Patients First: Consultative paper

on the structure and management of the National Health Service in England and Wales (Stationery Office, £1.) Parliamentary report, page 12

shaped area boundaries. The organization cries out for a special review."

BMA welcome: The Govern-ment's plans to cut back the

NHS bureaucracy were wel-comed by th eBritish Medical Association (the Press Asso-

ciation reports). A spokesman said: The fact that the con-

sultative document is called Patients First is encouraging;

and the statement in it that the needs of the patient must be paramount' must be wel-

comed."
Mr William Darling, chairman

of the National Association of Health Authorities, had reser-

vations about the costs that might be saved. He thought it

unfortunate that staff who might be adversely affected

were left in a vacuum.

Mr Fraser Milne, secretary of the Institute of Health Service

that the Government had so easily accepted that family practitioner committees should



Margaret Kelly, aged 15, an Irish itinerant girl with no acting experience, who plays a leading part in "Kate", tomorrow's Play for Today on BBC 1. The documentary-drama shows the plight of Tinkers in Ireland. Johnny, the boy, is a member of Margaret Kelly's family.

Killer 'only fined' for earlier attack Labour fight for consumer bodies

Mr Justice Watkins, VC, said at Cardiff Crown Court yester-day that he was flabbergasted that a man convicted of attack-ing a girl was only fined. With-in a month the man attacked another teenage girl and killed

" You are a dangerous man " the judge said to Stephen Latham, aged 17, a labourer, when he sentenced him to be detained at her Majesty's pleasure for murdering Helen Power, aged 17, a typist.

The judge said he was surprised that Latham was tried by magistrates for the earlier attack on a woman in the street at Brecon. He was fined £150 for that offence.

Latham, of The Waton, Brecon, had denied murder, and his plea of guilty to man-slaughter had been rejected by the prosecution because of the extent of his victim's injuries.

He had shown no mercy to Miss Power as she lay halpless on the floor of a derelier cot-Administrators, welcomed the determination to avoid whole-sale upheaval.

Labour was also disappointed tage near her home at Brecon, the court was told. After battering her and squeezing her throat, he stamped on her, com-pressing one lung and damaging her pancreas. Police had found his footprints on the body.

Pledge to kill assisted. school places

By Our Education Correspondent
A counter-attack on the Gov

A counter-attack on the Government's proposed assisted places scheme and an offensive against andependent schools in general was launched by the Labour Party yesterday.

Mr Ronald Haywood, the party's general secretary, has written to all independent schools warning any who are contemplating joining the assisted places scheme that it is "the official and resolute intention of the Labour Party to terminate such a scheme and to end of the Labour Party to terminate such a scheme and to end any payments made to pupils under it at the end of the academic year in which the next Labour government is elected."

A statement from the party's national executive committee, included with Mr Haywood's letter, says that the NEC regards the introduction of the £55m scheme as totally irresponsible.

It would reduce the viability of comprehensive schools and of their sixth forms in particuof their sixth forms in particu-lar, demoralize teachers, deprive state school children of the stimulus provided by bright children, and it would not, as the Government claimed, help poor children, it says.

Mr Neil Kinnock, opposition

spokesman on education, said in London yesterday that the Conservatives had used the

conservatives had used the same argument about helping less well off bright children when trying to justify the former direct grant schools.

Class and economic circumstances were unquestionably main influences on children's examinable capabilities ad on presental assirations Mr. parental aspirations, Mr Kinnock said. Without some miraculous eradication of the class system, children from materially poorer homes would

not gain access to assisted places.

The Government had even included certain elements in the included certain elements in the scheme which would ensure that poor children did not benefit. For example, up to half of those offered assisted places may have attended private preparatory schools or crammers to prepare them for the selection examination.

for the selection examination.

Since the means test was based on parents "residual" income, the scheme offered special attractions to parents who could adjust their income at the time of the means test.

Mr Kinnock claimed that a parents on £12,000 a year with an efficient accountant and high allowances could exclude the allowances could exclude the parent on £4,000 a year with no accountant and few allowances.

Cooler hospitals

University faces ruin, **Lord Annan says**

By Diana Geddes

Education Correspondent

London University, by far the largest in Britain is in "a disastrous plight" as a result of Government spending cuts and Erical Postgraduate Medical

Government spending cuts and British: Postgraduate Medical its policy on overseas student fees, Lord Annan, the vice chancellor, says.

In a letter to Dr Edward Parkes, chairman of the University Grants Committee (UGC), Lord Annan says that three of the university's schools "will almost certainly have to close within two or three years", unless the Government for the average proportion of the prepared to make special "The average proportion of the prepared to make special".

years", unless the Government is prepared to make special provision for them.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine took 74 per cent of its full-time students from oversess, the Royal Postgraduate Medical School 47 per cent and the

Royal Postgraduate Medical School of Oriental and African Studies 35 per cent. There is no conceivable way in which by the rest of the university tightening its belt these three institutions can be saved ". Lord Annan says. This was not an attento at "There is no conceivable way in which by the rest of the university tightening its belt these three institutions can be saved." Lord Annan says.

This was not an attempt at blackmail. It was simply a recognition that governments six of the verge of bankruptcy.

The water.

Tests carried out since tunnel was completed by shown that the water table its finances; because so many of taken by 22m as the tun copes with corrents that so times exceed 400 gallons minuse.

oversees.

The London School of Economics, with 37 per cent overseas students, and the Institute of Education, with 29 per cent, were also seriously at risk.

The average proportion of full time overseas students for the whole of London University was 19 years over the national

was 19 per cent; the national average was 13 per cent. According to the UGC, £30m of the university's annual income was at risk as a result of the Government's plan to introduce full fees for overseas

How green the NCB has made our valleys

From Tim Jones Ebbw Vale

Thirteen years after the trace people, mainly children de National Coal Board in South Wales yesterday announced d final phase of a programme designed to ensure that suc-an accident can never happe.

again.
At a cost of £45m civil enginers have flattened or drains the huge, black monuments the huge when the coal magnet philaged the valleys without an thought to human or environmental considerations.

The decades the nits For decades the pits gre above the small valley town absorbing rain, identified by the inquiry into the disaster as the

main cause, like massive, u stable sponses.
It was after the Aberian to built over a stream, had slippe in a million tons of dead slurry that the coal board en the 307 rips in its area and ing gated one of the largest at most complex civil engineeric programmes ever tackled in the United Kingdom.

The cost was certainly work while, for Mr Lyn Llewelly the civil engineer for the are said yesterday: "We can a there were a couple

near misses".

Mr. William Humphreys. NC
South Wales chief engines
said: "The whole environme
of South Wales is better as result. Colliery tips are no properly engineered structure We have eliminated any nos bility of another Abertan." Apart from improperly or structed tips, rainfall was t constant hazard. In the Sou Wales valleys it can amount more than 130 inches a yer compared with 28 inches whi falls on London.

During the operation abc
40 million tons of tip waste is
heen either removed, rece
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eers consulted with aton
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decided to use a radioact
substance called tritium identify some of the subranean water courses.

After three years' work, a cost of £1.8m. an 800-yard high tunnel has been driv into the mountain to interc-

Hoax call by **Bhutto** son alleged

Shahnawaz Bhutto, aged 21, son of the former President Bhutto of Pakistan, made a hoaz call saying that a bomb had been placed at 10 Downing Street, it was alleged at Inner London Crown Court yesterday. the pleaded not guilty to making the call from his flat in Lownder Square, Chelsea.

The prosecution said it was not until he was taken to Chelsea police station that it was known he was the son of President Bhutto, who was at that time under sentence of

Det Inspector John Bunn said Mr Bhutto made a written statement saying he wished to draw attention to what was happening in his country. He said he made the call.

The trial continues today.

Village telephone kiosk blown up The only relephone box in the village of Ragnall, near Renford, Notinghamshire, was blown up yesterday by a device used in army training exercises.

Earlier an unknown caller warned Nottinghamshire police that he was going to blow up public property. He did not mention a kiosk.

New director possesses a true civil servant's tact

Polytechnic head hopes to build bridges

By Ian Bradley
The new director of the Polytechnic of North London is to be Dr David MacDowall. He will succeed Mr Terence Miles. ler, the present director, on

January 1.
Dr MacDowall, who is 49 and at present assistant director of the polytechnic witr responsi-bility for academic planning, took the unusual step yester-day of holding a press con-ference to explain his thoughts about the job.

Under Mr Miller the poly-technic achieved considerable

notoriety as a battleground of left and right and has never been out of the headlines for long.
Dr MacDowali seems likely to

steer the polytechnic into calrer steer the polytechnic into calrer waters and away from the glare of publicity. He confessed: "I probably cannot produce as quotable quotes as Mr Miller", and described himself, in contrast to his predecessor, as "basically a pragmatist."

He would not be drawn on Mr Miller's comment in The Times on November 22 that his successor would need "low cunning rather than a good cunning rather than a good

With a true civil servant's



Dr David MacDowall: 'Basically a pragmatist'.

tact developed over 13 years at the Department of Education and Science and the University Grants Committee, Dr Mac-Dowall said: "One needs administrative capacity and care and sensitivity about the needs of different people, including students. I believe in civilized negotiations".
Dr MacDowail feels that the

polytechnic has changed since it got its image of a strife-torn establishment. He said: "I hope the days of conflict are reced ing. It is now a very serious institution, and I hope to go on building bridges with staff and students to strengthen the end for which the place exists, the education of

He hopes to encourage the development of evening degree courses, especially in humanicourses, especially in humanities and social studies.
Although he was reluctant to
say how he would deal with the
student occupations that have
become something of a regular
feature of life at the Polytechnic, Dr MacDowall seems
unlikely to employ the military
tactics of his predecessor.
His main academic interest is
in the contribution of numismatics to the reconstruction of

matics to the reconstruction of ancient history, although per-haps the students' union should take note that he has a parti-cular interest in the successors to Alexander the Great in

Asia.

Those wily ancients might yet prove to have a trick or two up their sleeves which could prove handy when dealing with rebellious students.

Nationwide use of new exam urge

Education (CEE) examination, a committee set up by the Gorernment recommends in a report published yesterday.

The committee, of which ded for pupils who have examination was chairman, recommends that the examination, which is primarily designed for pupils aged 17 of average ability, should be offi-

Central heating in Bedford-shire hospitals is to be turned down tosave money on oil bills. Patients are to be given extra

cially introduced on a national which were in general inapt

Education Correspondent basis.

A record of a pupil's performance in English and operating since 1972. Last year mathematics proficiency tests should be included on all certificates awarded for the proposed Certificate of Extended them were 17. Two thirds took of ensuring basis communities set up by the Gormance were the most recording some element. tion and numerical skills, providing some element vocational preparation, assisting the development personal and social skills n

Weapons stored in Front's headquarters, inquiry told

By Penny Symon
Offensive weapons were
stored in what purported to be
the National Front's headquarters in Hackney, London,
a planning inquiry was told esterday. Mr Simon Read said that he

was strentously opposed to the National Front, but joined it last year to discover its internal workings in the hope of gaining knowledge to use against it.

Haddner Council is attempt. against it.

Hackney Council is attempting to stop the National Front,
NF Properties Ltd, Leachbouse

Ltd, and Benjuya Ltd from using 73 Great Eastern Street as the offices and administrative headquarters of a political party and as a publication and distribution centre. Mr Read said there was no doubt that the building was the national headquarters of the National Front. He was on

the National Front. He was on night guard duty at the prem-ises about eight times between last December and June, and he had also visited the prem-ises during the day. Weapons were stacked in a corner of

"On one occasion there was a wooden pickaze handle with something violently antisemitic written on it."

A general office contained a filing cabinet with membership records and pigeon holes with application forms and member-ship cards.

ship cards.

The building was used as a sanctuary by a notorious group of young local thugs, who had sopken to him of "having a go" at Asians, Mr Read said.

"A couple of National Front activists came in to collect leaflets and they had red sweatshirts with ironed-on white letters saying (Kill niggers?"

white letters saying (Kill niggers."

Mr Abdul Noor, a member of the Bangladesh Youth Movement for Equal Rights, alleged that people from his community had been attacked while walking past 73 Great Eastern Street.

He had been beaten up and left unconscious by four white youths wearing National Front badges.

The inquiry, before Mr Leo Kealey, principal planning inspector in the Department of the Environment, was adjourned until January 7.

the ground floor.

They included wooden the Environment, was clubs and iron bers.", he said. adjourned until January 7.

vant to work and of offer certification which gives ass points. Proposals for a Certificate Extended Education: (Comm. 1785, Stationary Office, £2.25). Work resumed >

at pit after accident Miners returned to work y terday at Kinsley drift mi near Pontefrant, West Yo

shire, where two men we killed on Monday by a runav underground train. A good to

underground train. A good to out was reported.

The wreckage was still be examined by health and saf experts from the coal bo-and by union officials, inquest on the two dead n is expected to be opened Wakefield today. It was the first serious cident at the £19m pit, open in August on the site of an colliery,

Man accused of four murders

Terence Joseph Pinfold, at 47; a decorator, appeared Bow Street Magistrates' Co today charged with furders. Mr Pinfold, of Vingron Road, Ilford, Londwas remanded in custody in December 20 December 20.

He was accused of murder Terence Eve in 1974, Geo Brett and his son Terry January, 1975, and Rot Brown, also in 1975.

Man allowed dogs to die in transit

Alfred Wood, an animal exporter, was fined £350 by magistrates at Crawley, Sussex, yesterday after the Bench had been told that he allowed three Service Ltd, of Bedford Hill, Rolland Ltd. Alsatian dogs to die during a journey to Gatwick airport.
The prosecution said two of

through the wire mesh from of a crate in an attempt to escape.

Mr Richard Stafford, for the prosecution, said the incident happened on a hor day last June when Mr Wood was taking I did make a mistake June when Mr Wood was taking I did make a mistake June when Mr Wood was taking I did make a mistake June when Mr Wood was taking I did make a mistake June when Mr Wood was taking I misjudging the weather con. Mr Wood told the court to the crates had been provided the court to his occasion. I have the crates had been provided upon the crates had been provided that on June them before. He was for cally fit to travel before they set of from Stoke at 3.30 pm.

They arrived at Gatwick airport again for export to Nigeria. The ordered to pay £100 costs.

is a partner in All Pers Travel Service Ltd, of Bedford Hill, Balham, London, He admitted two charges of allowing animals to suffer from exposure to "unthe dogs appeared to have suffocated in their trates, which were backed into the back of Mr Wood's van. The other strangled itself after forcing its head through the wire mesh front of the denied two similar charges.

dogs were to be flown by I. Airlines, which later changed in name to British Cargo Airlin Mr. Graham Joss, veterin: consultant to the Internation Air Transport Associat (IATA), said the crates he using on that occasion were up to IATA standards. Th had been rejected earlier another airline which was member of the association. Mr Joss added: "They lack proper ventilation and the lacked sound construction made inquires about these cra



Compulsory training for motor cyclists urged

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent
Compulsory training and
stricter driving tests for motor
cyclists and moped riders are proposed today by Mr James Kerr, Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, which has one of Britain's highest casualty rates

among motor cycle and moped Introducing a police survey of motor cycle accidents in Lincolnshire, Mr Kerr says com-pulsory training would help new riders to build up experi-once, making them safer and helping them to cope with diffi-cult road and weather condi-

The survey found that 61 per cent of two-wheeled vehicle drivers injured in accidents were learners. In winter months learners accounted for almost three-quarters of the victims. Mr Kerr proposes radical changes in the driving test so that it includes "realistic riding conditions". He says the examiner should follow the castillations and the conditions of the castillation of the cas didate over the route instead of remaining at the starting

He also wants a law compeldipped headlights during day-ligh; to make themselves more

Casualties to drivers and pillion passengers in Lincolnshire rose by 60 per cent between 1974 and 1976, compared with the national average of 44 per cent. In 1977 almost a quarter of Lincolnshire's road deaths and injuries were two-wheeled vehicle riders.

A proposal for compulsory training is being considered by Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport. According to ministry estimates, the number of new riders taking training is only 15 per cent, a figure Mr Fowler has described as "deplorably low". In a recent report the minis-try's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Training said com-

pulsion should be introduced if the proportion of riders taking training did not reach 75 per-cent in the next three years. Another recommendation of the edvisory committee was a new driving test to be taken in. two parts, the first at an sp-proved driving centre and the second on the road.

The call for compulsory ase of headlights is not likely to be taken up. The Department of Transport is not convinced time. such a measure would reduce

council plans to offer 50 rewards to lelp curb vandalism report instances of vandalism report instances of vandalism

at has proposed that 550 ards should be paid for innation leading to the con-ion of vandals who damage housing estates.

he housing committee is ected to approve the move forrow with the reward ney being paid from the using revenue account.

senior official said yester-that because of the incondence and loss of amenities olved, the committee would happy to pay out if that ild reduce vandalism. We not know of any other authrmingham has nearly ,000 council homes, of ch a quarter are flats and

ir Richard Westlake, the ising officer, said that van-ism on estates, particularly historey estates with blocks garages, presented consider-e management difficulties. As a general rule the ams on the estates are

report instances of wandalism.
Consequently, it is rarely possible to deal with the culprits.

"Costs of wandalism are different costs of wandalism are different costs."

Costs of vandalism are difficult to assess, particularly when determining whether damage has been caused by deliberate acts of vandalism.

He added: "In spite of this difficulty, it is estimated that the annual cost would not be less than £100,000 and could be as high as £200,000." That was not an inconsiderable sum on the repears account.

The matter was not confined

the repairs account.

The matter was not confined to Birmingham, but he thought rewards might help.

A senior official explained:

"It is often difficult to say that damage is malicious. But we hope the rewards will have a deterrent effect at the very least if potential vandals know there is a greater chance of being reported.

being reported.

It is difficult to say why people are reluctant to report cases, but it could be that they think up one cares. Our rew-ards scheme might just show them that the problem is seen as a serious one.

Ve are considering further tax sliefs', Mr St John-Stevas says

Aore arts sponsors sought

Kenneth Gosling

insorship of the arts, includ-possible further tax reliefs, being planned by Mr Nor-n St John-Stevas, Chancellor the Duchy of Lancaster and nister for the Arts. Vith the help of Lord

unted in the new year ex-ining to individuals and npanies how best they can plement public support for

Various meetings are nned", Mr St Jobo-Stevas d, "and a committee will isider events of one kind and

We are working very closely the Association for Busi-is Sponsorship of the Arts d thinking of various things, e a publication showing the esent tax concessions. We looking at what further tax ressions might be desirable." Mr St John-Stevas was ex-uning the setting up of the fice of Arts and Libraries as separate entity with, he said, asequent benefits to the arts. ey now had this as well as a ce in the Cabinet.

On the Arts Council grant, uch should be made known at mouth, he said be did not on the council simply to nintain all its old cheets and at start off anything new; it

The interests of the two dertmental museums, the Vicience, had been protected. Mr Sr John-Stevas disclosed Ar St John-Stevas unscross-the first time that there was longer any desire by the V i A to become an indepen-n trustee museum. There advantages in the Civil Ser-e connexion and we do red these museums as the I'wo measures that are head; for the statute book, Public nding Right and the National ritage Fund, are close to his art and as Leader of the use, in charge of the legislative programme, he has been able to influence their progress. The National Heritage Fund Bill back from the Lords, goes into committee on Tuesday.

"I consider that a very major achievement", he said, "and one that alone will make this while I felt I would have to move very swiftly to get it into the legislative programme. The fund was roughly f15m, and 25m 2 year thereafter.

"What made it acceptable to the arts world is that we have kept in the in lieu procedure, which is being administered jointly by my office and the Environment Department.

Independent trustees were still to be appointed and be

Two other aspects of the arts that have concerned him have been film and the arts in

He said be was working ver closely with British Film Insti-tute officials and Mr John Not. Secretary of State for Trade, about further financing of the institute. "There will be positive proposals about that and I am anxious to promite closer cooperation between tele-vision and cinema, which will be of benefit to both

not enough was being done in the field of art education. He was working on that with Mr Mark Carlisle, the Secretary of State for Education.

completely in charge of the department, having recently asked Mr Neil Maciarlane, a junior minister in the Depart ment of Education and Science, to assist him, said that there were still difficulties outstand-

On the establishme salery adjoining the Tate to house the Turner collection, he said he hoped, after a substan-tial offer from a foundation, to

V licence strike' urged y Plaid Cymru

Plaid Cymru roday urged tele-ion viewers in Wales to withd their licence fees and tell Government to set up a ish language television ser-e on the proposed fourth

The licence campaign was included at Cardiff by the ty's spokesman on broadcast. Mr Dafydd Thomas, the MP He claimed there was no rkable alternative to a full

ish language service, because I will allow the growth of a oper television service in ilsh, with a whole range of grammes, including peakur viewing.

ction on the main existing evision channels, and win glish-speaking viewers who id Welsh programmes by ing-in to channels in Eng-

Plaid Cymru has set up a evision fund to hold licence s in trust until a "proper evision service" is estab-

Fifth of those in jail are poor readers

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

A report for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders says today that 21 per cent of the prison population in 1977-78 had a reading age of less than 10 years.

The report, by Mr Harold Marks, a former government inspector of adult and further education, says that a survey by Deven probation officers found that 327 out of 1,500 people under their supervision had literacy problems.

Mr Marks, who is retired, included in his former duties inspection of prisons, burstals and detention centres. In the report he gives details of eight educational schemes in which offenders are given ruition in the community and lists ten

He concludes that offenders should be able to continue out-side prison tuition they have received inside.

Education for Offenders: provision and needs, free from NACRO, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU

500,000 appeal to expand illages for disabled

lage Centres Association. The association runs the two ages, Enham village centre, mpshire and Papworth tage settlement, Cambridge re, which were founded 60

us ago. They provide jobs for 540 abled people and homes for abled people and homes for an and their families, and appear is intended to appear is intended to ow a further 110 people into Ine reason for the appeal

is that because of government lu appeal for £500,000 to public spending cuts voluntary wide more jobs and homes organizations will have to play organizations will have to play a greater part in the expansion of services for the disabled.

adon yesterday by Lord Mrs Lynda Chalker, Parlia mentasis. a greater part in the expansion Mrs Lynda Chalker, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, provised her support

for the appeal.

She said: "Job opportunities for disabled people are pretor disabled people are pre-cious. I am particularly pleased to see that much of the money will be used to develop and extend workshop provision in both villages."

The appeal has also received the support of the Confedera-tion of British Industry and the Trades Union Congress.

the Trades Union Congre

Boy opens a lake to aid industry and amenities

From John Chartres

The first section of the 2.084 The first section of the 1.004 acre Kielder reservoir began to fill yesterday after a schoolboy aged nine initiated the closing of the gate on a secondary dam now holding back the head waters of the river North Tyne.

With the closing of the Bakethin dam near the northwest end of what will be one of Europe's largest manmade lakes, slightly larger in surface area than Ullswater, about 170 acres will be inundated during the next three or four days.

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The dam, 41ft high, will ensure that this section, covering flat land, will always be kept at about the same level irrespective of "draw down" during drought periods from the main lake, which is due to fill pext winter.

winter.

The Bakethin subsidiary reservoir is being treated as an "amenity lake", its southern bank being designated as a nature reserve. Children from the Kielder First School including Jonathan Hall, who had earlier operated the gate-closing mechanism, belped yesterday to begin to stock the lake with 5,000 young brown trout in readiness for controlled angling next summer. led angling next summer.
The main contractors, Wim-

pey Construction Ltd, presented a cup to the school to be given annually to the pupil who makes the best contribution to wild life knowledge and conservation in the area. n the area. Despite controversy,

Despite conviously, the E129m scheme has proceeded according to programme. Work



Jonathan Hall watching the water flow after he closed the Bakethin dam yesterday.

on the main dam, which will be three quarters of a mile long, was shead of schedule when the weather stopped operations in

The scheme, which includes 24 miles of additional pipeline to carry water as far south as the Teesside industrial areas and parts of North Yorksbire, was devised as a single answer to the North-east region's estimated requirement of 350

Some of the forward calcula-tions were made on the estima-ted requirements of the steel industry before its current

Mr Frank Ridley, chief execu-tive designate of the Northum

milion gallons a day by the year 2000, rising to 400 million, more than 100 million gallons a day above present consumption. Kielder Water will be able to store 41,350 million gallons.

Serve 41,350 million gallons. ded to continue the develop

No feathers fly in assault on batteries

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent

Mr Spike Milligan, the comedian, opened a new animal welfare campaign yesterday amid the loud clucking of five caged chickens, "Be quiet", he said, "we are fighting for you". He and other opponents of

factory farms gathered in a public house in Whitehall before wheeling a petition with almost 200,000 signatures across the road to 10 Downing Street. The petition called for a rundown, leading to a ban in 10 years, of battery production of

years, of battery production of chickens.

Asked if he would approve of illegal action to "liberate" battery chickens, Mr Milligan replied: "Yes, I would; I might even join in. It is the eroding factor in the quality of our own morality that is the worst part of ir", he went on.

Battery farming of chickens

Battery farming of chickens a controlled conditions is one f the most widespread forms f livestock husbandry. Mr Peter Roberts, general secretary of Compassion in World Farming, said that two chickens in a battery unit were boused on floorspace the size of a long-

playing record's sleeve.

Miss Brigid Brophy, the
author, who supported the
petition, said: "Intensive farming is simply a synonym for a concentration camp".

ded to continue the development of new projects on Teesside.

He thought that the water from the Kielder scheme would be needed by 1981, when it is always ready to consider better methods.

Journalist again loses plea over dismissal

Mr C. Gordon Tether, who was dismissed by The Financial Times after a dispute over editorial control of his daily "Lombard" column, yesterday lost the latest round of his claim for unfair dismissal.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal in London ruled against Mr Tether's complaint that rejection of his claim by an industrial tribunal was perverse. Mr Justice Slynn, the president, said that although the scope of the column had increased over the years it did not follow that Mr Tether had an implied right to publish articles as he chose, written in the way he chose.

Mr Tether, aged 65, of Lawford Hill Road, Worplesdon, Surrey, had worked for the paper for 45 years before being dismissed in 1976. He wrote the "Lombard" column for 21

The tribunal yesterday accepted the sincerity of Mr Tether's views about his independence, which had established his reputation as a journalist

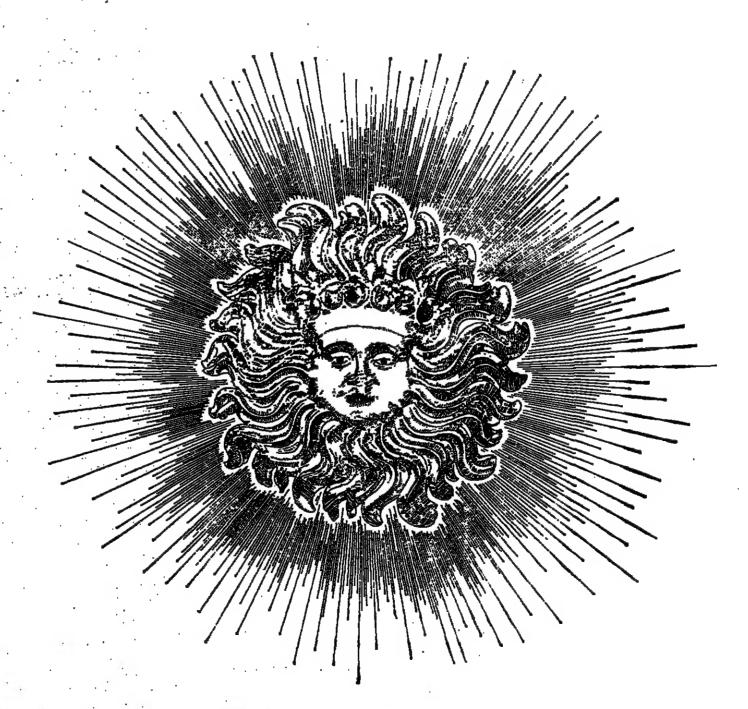
The tribunal yesterday also ruled against Mr Tether's contention that his dismissal was unfair because he was not given a warning. He was refused leave to refer the case to the Court of Appeal but can still apply to that court for leave.

Mr. Tether was is the United

Mr Tether was in the United States yesterday, but after being told of the appeal tribunal's decision he said he was "very disappointed". He had not decided whether to pursue the case further

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Sharp reminder to Nato members of need to pay their way to guard against surprise attack

Defence Correspondent Brussels, Dec 11

Mr Harold Brown, the United States Defence Secretary, sharply reminded west European allies here today, of their obligations under the so-called "transatlantic bargain" which was struck within Nato last

year.

The Americans, partly under Nato's long-term defence programme, are pushing ahead with a reinforcement programme which would double the size of their land forces in west Europe within two weeks of a sudden attack, and triple their air forces over here in

even less time. But in return, they are relying upon west Europe to play its part by providing stocks of equipment and air bases for he reinforcements when they

The West Germans have extensive plans for requisitioning civilian communications, roads and vehicles to help the Bundeswehr in wartime. The Bundeswehr in wartime. The United States want similar provisions made for their own other country troops when they cross the United States.

Atlantic. Sufficient air bases Not only Nato's more impover in Britain is one priority. in Britain is one priority.

His own country was fulfilling its share of the bargain,

Mr Brown said, but the Europeans had to contribute their share too, because the Americans could not do it all on

heir own. He identified four areas in which the alliance was still falling short of its targets : size of war stocks; capacity to wage electronic warfare; number of reserves; and communications equipment.
It is unlikely however that

his remarks, made at what American officials described as a "sombre session" of Nato's were directed at Mr Francis Pyro, the British Defence Defence Planning Committee,

Secretary. Mr Pym who made a similar appeal, no less robust could bask in the satisfaction of knowing that Britain has increased its defence budget byover 4 per cent in 1979-80. This is not only more than 1 per cent higher than the target set by Nato two years ago but is a better performance than any other country, including the

and Turkey, but a number of richer powers such as Denmark, Canada and Italy are failing to meet their three per cent tar-

gets this year. Even the West Germans are unlikely to raise their defence spending by the required amount, although they point out they have a higher budget than most countries already, so should not be under quite the same obligation.

same obligation.

General Zeiner Gundersen, chairman of Nato's Military Committee, presenting his six monthly report, said there was no sign of the Warsaw Pact military build-up reaching its peak. Imbalance challenged: Nato assertions of a military imbalance were challenged by a delegation of 14 women who visited the Alliance Headquarters today.

"If these costly first-strike, non-verifiable weapons systems are deployed, they will undermine th spirit of Salt 2, reverse advances in detente and render the arms race beyond control."

the arms race beyond control, was ald Mrs Kay Carop, of the United States, president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.—AP

Guide to European Parliament

What Budget defeat would mean

Brussels, Dec 11

The European Parliament is expected this week to reject the EEC budget for 1980 and ask for a new draft to be sub-mixted to it. What follows is a plain man's guide to the Parliament, its powers and the impli-cations of the unprecedented action it is contemplating.

The Parliament: There is some doubt whether the European Parliament should go by that name at all. The Rome treaty speaks only of an "assembly". The Parliament certainly has few of the powers usually associated with such a body. Nor can it acquire any more without the permission of EEC

It cannot, for example, make or break governments because there is no supranational European government accountable to it. Nor can it initiate, amend or pass legislation. It can do little more than offer opinious, which member states are required to seek but not to heed.

The one important exception to this essentially consultative role is the part played by the Parliament in determining the size and composition of the EEC's angual budget. Yet even here, there are strict limits to what the Parliament can do.

Direct elections: The first direct elections to the Parliament, whose members were previously appointed by national parliaments, were held between June 7 and June 10 this year. This increased its size from 198 to 410 members but did not change

None the less, the resolve of Euro-MPs to use such powers as they do possess more boldly than in the past clearly owes much to the self-confidence that has come from being directly

The elections returned a broad centre-right majority, though the Socialists (including the rump of Britain's Labour contingent) emerged as the single biggest group with 112

The other groups are: Christian Democrats (108),

Safe haven for

world's largest

The world's biggest floating dock arrived safely in southern Norway yesterday after an arduous 1,300-mile journey which started near the North

The Russian dock, which was stranded near Murmansk in October, was towed to safety

by the two most powerful rug boats in the world, the Rotter-

dam-based Smit London and the

smit Rotterdam. It is hoped that repairs can be made to the dock, which would have broken up in the Arctic winter if it

Atlantic forced the convoy to take refuge in a fjord near Trondheim along the coast of

Amsterdam, Dec 11—Two raiders who were shot dead by police yesterday as they tried to escape after a bank robbery were both Italians, from Naples,

living illegally in the Nether-lands, police said today.

Britain, already unpopular in

France because of its attempts

to sell lamb here, has now fall-

en into bad odour with French

dog breeders. It is all because of the tiny Parvo virus which

is running amuck among France's eight million dogs.

The virus comes from Texas, and is apparently a close rel-ative of the virus which causes

typhoid in cats. In 1977 it raged around the Lone Star State, killing off the older and

weaker of man's best friends.

From Texas, where the virus

began to diminish in ferocity

had been left stranded. The journey almost ended in disaster some two weeks ago when heavy storms in the

Dutch kill robbers

From Ian Murray

Paris, Dec 11

floating dock

From Robert Schuil

Amsterdam, Dec 11

tives (64), Communists (44), Liberals (40), French Gaullists, Irish Fianna Fail and Danish Progress Party under the joint banner of European Progressive

Democrats (22), and others (20). Budgetary Powers: Each year the European Commission draws up an estimate of the funds needed in the following year to finance EEC policies, and proposes an allocation between the various sectors—agriculture, in-dustry, regional development, social aid to the unemployed

This estimate is forwarded to EEC budget ministers who invariably make savage cuts in non-agricultural spending and transmit the mutilated remains of the draft budget to the Parliament. The Parliament just as regularly restores most of these cuts, which are then rejected yet again by the Council of

Thus the 1980 draft originally proposed by the Commission came to about £11,650m, whereas the budget which the Parliament is being asked to adopt this week totals only about £10,820m because of pruning by budget ministers of the non-agricultural items.

The Parliament has little control over the three-quarters of the budget spent on support-ing farmers' prices and classi-fied as "obligatory" (that is money the EEC is compelled to spend to fulfil oblications laid

down in the treaty of Rome). The Parliament may propose ing but cannot force them on the Council of Ministers. It does have the final say, however, over other expenditure, provided it can muster a three-fifths majority, but cannot increase them beyond an overall limit set by the Commission.

Farm spending: This year the Parliament made a novel attempt to freeze some £180m allocated for subsidies to dairy farmers, the need for which it held to be unproven. The Parliament further around that liament further argued that because this proposal entailed

expenditure it could be rejected only by a weighted majority of the Council of Ministers.

Had Britain been prepared last month to join Iraly and Holland in support of the Parliament's proposal, such a majority could not have been found (the big member states having more votes than the

That in turn might have en-couraged the Parliament to come back next year with pro-posals for even bigger cuts in farm spending.

Such a prospect horrified the French and other champions of the sanctity of farm spending, the level of which they consider to be entirely a matter for national governments. For their part, the British were torn be-tween their desire for tighter control of farm spending and distrust of the Parliament's am-

Budget rejection: Provided more than half the total membership of the House and two thirds of all votes cast are in favour, the Parliament can reject the entire budget and request a new draft.

Implications of rejection: The EEC would not run out of money. The Parliament has no control over budger revenue which is furnished automatically by customs duties, agricultural levies and a portion of the proceeds of value-added tax.

So long as no budget has been adopted, however, the EEC is in principle prohibited from

loney th previous year, though some lee-way is apparently allowed the Council of Ministers to vote an increase in agricultural expenditure without parliamentary

Rejection of the budget would Rejection of the budget would thus not be quite as cataclysmic as it might seem. All the same, prolonged deadlock could create severe problems of cash flow particularly for the profligate agricultural sector. The Parliament hopes this threat will be enough to wring concessions from member states.

Strasbourg horse trading enters crucial phase

From David Wood Strasbourg, Dec 11

horse trading over the budget for 1980 enters a crucial phase in Strasbourg tomorrow. On Thursday, the European Parlia-ment will vote on its nearly unanimous threat to reject the council of ministers' substantive budget, and after a trial of electronic voting last night, the vote is expected to be by Toll call.

Tomorrow, the Council of Ministers' meets here to decide whether, according to practice, it can let a few crumbs fall from its table to make possible a compromise with the Parlia-

Something will depend on the level of representation of the governments of the nine in to-morrow's Council of Ministers. The Finance Council that "arrogantly" disregarded the Parliament's amendments to the budget consisted mainly of jun-

ior ministers
Tomorrow, the Council is again demoted to minister of state level by some countries, in a day when nothing but finance ministers would appease

tion routes appear to have been through Britain, Belgium

and Holland, where the disease

was tirst noticed last spring.

The symptoms are diarrhoea,

vomiting and often bleeding. About 5 per cent of the ani-

mals which catch it die and

The first case arrived in France in June and since then it has spread widely, although not uniformly, round the country. Paris and Alsace seem the worst hit with up to 30 hard the country.

cases a day being reported to veterinaries. So far 19 dif-

have to treat.

after about a year, the virus ferent regions have been invaded Europe, presumably affected.

the disease is distressing to

French accuse Britain of spreading new dog disease

a democratically excited Par-

come into play—month by month in 1980 the EEC would get a twelfth of the 1979 budget.

warned Parliament today of the consequences. If the budget were not adopted, he said, "I have no doubt there would be some nasty surprises in store for us all—the community has no experience of operating on provisional

a whole will be in aggressive mood when the low-tier Finance mood when the low-fier rhance morrow afternoon to try to aweeten them into submission.

Mr Pieter Dankert, the Dutch Socialist rapporteur of the budget committee, leads the way with a most militant document declaring that "the effect of the Council's appearance that is

The EEC's characteristic torse trading over the budget tor 1980 enters a crucial phase in Strasbourg tomorrow. On

budget Commissioner

twelfths
But the Parliament almost as the Council's approach—that is to Paarliament's budgetary powers—has been to threaten to undermine the rights of Parliament". That threat, "can-

staff at the veterinary school in Maison Alfort, just outside Paris, to call a press con-ference last month to advise

people not to ptaic and to

hring their per along for a check-up if it showed any

symptoms. People were also told they could pay to have their pets given a vaccine against cat typhoid which might protect dogs.

The press conference did to the press conference of

nothing to stop the spread of the disease, however, and the result has been a strong state-ment from the National Union

to Fastnet helicopter crews

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 11

La Hogue, St Vincent, the Nile, Trafalgar are not the only things the Marine Nationale and the Royal Navy have in com-mon. They have fought a common enemy since the Crimean war, and continue to battle against the elements together.

Perhaps for the very reason that they fought each other so valiantly and doggedly in the past, the spirit of comradeship between French and British sea-men, in spite of the "langua-tine war", is so arrong at pre-

One felt it last night at the banquet given in the magnifi-cent setting of the National Maritime Museum by the Yacht Club de France (YCF) in honour of the officers and men of the helicopters of the Royal Navy who rescued 74 yachismen, many of them French, shipwrecked by the storm in last autumn's Fastnet race.

Among those present at the dinner, attended by abour 150 members of the YCF and their wives, were Admiral Patou, the former chief of staff of the French Navy, and Commander Luc Marie Rayle, director of the National Maritime Museum.

In his speech of welcome in English, the YCF President, M. Philippe Mancet, said: "Most of those rescued were winched up in the most dreadful conditions by a line hanging from the believes to the same of the sa the helicopters. No one would ever have thought it possible at night, in such mountainous seas, with wirds of 60 knots, to achieve these fantastic rescue operations. We are all sea lovers, and friends across the sea, and we wanted to tell you, who did all this, our admiration for your bravery, your skill, and

Replying in excellent French to the president's speech, Captain W. S. Gueterbock, the British naval atraché admitted that he was no yachisman.
"When I go to sea, I need a
ship of at least 2,000 tons, a saip of at least 2,000 (ons, a crew of 200, a bathroom, a steward and a chef, he remarked. "The helicopters of the Royal Navy have frequently participated in rescue opera-tions of this kind, often in the most awful weathers, and hundreds of kilometres away from their base."

Such rescue operations, he said, demanded cooperation between seamen and airmen and often between countries. "Coservices of our two countries is well rehearsed. That is one of the many fields in which the French Navy and the Royal Navy join forces."

Recalled Dutch envoy goes back to Paris From Our Correspondent

Amsterdam, Dec 11

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The Durcj Ambassador to France, Jonkheer Johan de Ranitz, has returned to his post in Paris. He had been recalled a week ago as a protest against the French Government's decision not to submit a convention against the pollution of the Rhine to the National Assembly for ratification.

In a letter to Parliament the In a letter to Parliament the Dutch Government says it expects France to put forward proposals which will lead to a substantial reduction of the amount of sait being dumped into the Rhime by the state-owned potash mines in Alsace.

If the French proposals are not forthcoming this will have "increasingly negative cansequances on the relations between the Netherlands and France", the letter adds.

Sicilian police arrest Mafia 'godson'

Palermo, Dec 11.—Leoluca Bagarella, a reputed Mafia "godson", was arrested today in the centre of his native Corleone in Sicily after an exten-sive search in Italy and abroad.

Signor Bagarella, aged 36, said by police to be a henchman of the jailed "chief-of-chiefs" Luciano Liggio, was stopped while driving with false identity papers.

Investigators had been searching for him for more than a year in connexion with charges ranging from conspiracy to commit crime to various murder investigations.

One investigation involves the murder of Boris Giuliano, a Palermo narcotics police chief, a few days after 9lb of heroin was found in what police believed to be one of Signor Bagarella's hiding places.—AP.

which represents 80 per cent of the small breeders in France, believes this would be the best means to limit the spread of the disease.

Since no cases have been reported so far in either West

Germany or Spain, the union

points an accusing finger at Britain as one of the countries

which as one or the contries which may have acted as a carrier of the disease.

A public statement by the union said angrily that while the British will not allow French breeders to export dogs to Reitage they demand that

The epidemic caused the three months. The union

ment from the National Union to Britain they demand that of Pedigree Dog Breeders calling for the closure of all allow in British dogs. This, French frontiers against the said the statement, borders

import of dogs for the next on illegality".

Paris tribute | Final act of Smith defiance as Salisbury parliament ends the 14 years of rebellion

In a final act of defiance.

In a final act of defiance.

Mr Han Smith, leader of Rhodesia's 230,000 whites what took his country into rebellion against Britain 14 years ago, has decided to boycott the arrival tomogrow of the British Companying decignors.

Mr. Smith is one of three members of the outgoing Zim-bebne Rhodesian Government who were invited to extend the beremony at the airport to welcome Lord Soames. A spokesman for Mr Smith said he would be unable to attend because he would be away.
However Mr Smith was
present in Parliament this
afternoon for the tabling of a
bill which formally terminates
14 years of UDI and it was

The other absences are Mr Silas Mundawarara, the Deputy Prime Minister, who is still in London and Mr David Mukome

who is away.

Lord Scames is due in
Salisbury at 2.10 pm somorrow.

He will be met first by Mr
Robin Byatt, the British repreaction bysis, the Brinish repre-sentative in Saksbury and then by members of the outgoing Government led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, and also by Mr J. Lewis, the acting Chief Justice. A Benish spokesman said the velcoming delegation had been leading delegates at the leading delegates at the Lancaster House conference.

However it was noted that internet representatives of the Zapu and Zanu wings of the Patriotic Front organization who also attended the Lancaster House talks will not be present for the Governor's arrival.

Lord Soames will be driven
to Government House and will

later broadcast to the nation on radio and television. Confirmation of Lord Soames' arrival was first given by Bishop Muzorewa at the start of this afternoon's parliamentary debate on the Constitution of Zimbabwe Rhodesia Amendment Bill which distance the constitution of Simbabwe Rhodesia. solves the present government and brings to an end the

"internal settlement".

The trouse was hushed and tense when Bishop Muzarewa announced thet governor's impending arrival, an act which

impending arrival, an act which marks the country's return to legality.

The Bill, which declares that Zimbabwe is no longer a sovereign state and hands over power to the British governor, was introduced by Mr Chris Andersen, the Menister of Instite. He told black and white MPs

rule constitution there it was difficult to accept that the present parliament could not revoke the existing constitution.

Mr Andersen wished Lord votes to nil. It will be published to the pub

Mr Andersen wished Lord Soames well in the difficult task that lay ahead of him and offered to assist him.
The mood of Parliament was

The mood of Partisment was generally one of membusiastic acceptance that the internal sentement had failed and the territory must revert to British rule, albeit temporarily.

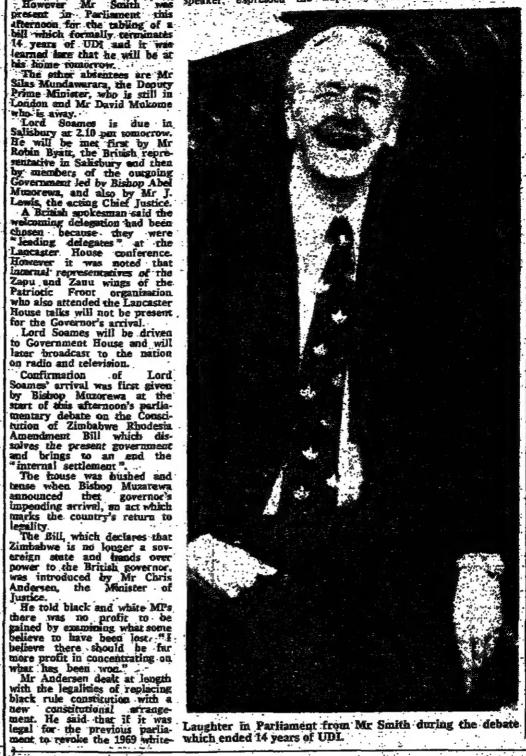
Mr. Paddy Malton, a Rhodesian Front MP, said he supported that had because there was

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in an extraordinary issue of the in an extraordinary issue of the Government Gazette before Lord Soames's arrival Meanwhile Combined Operations headquarters announced the deaths of 35 more people during

settlement had failed and the tenditory must revert to British rule, albeit temporarily.

Mr. Paddy Malton, a Rhodesian From MP, said he supported the Bill because there was no viable alternative. Mr. Trevor Dollar, another white speaker, expressed the hope deaths of 35 more people during the last two days the last two days the last two days. Zambia damage: A five-man delegation of the United Nations Security Council ad hoc committee on Zambia arrived today for a four-day visit to assess the cost of repairs to the 12 rail and road bridges blown up by Rhodesian commandos—AP.



Tehran TV angers White Hous

From David Cross

A staged television interviwith one of the 50 with one of the 30 ligging being held in the Americ embassy in Tehran has to under strong attack from t White House and congression leaders in Washington. During the interview, whi

was broadcast by the NBC to vision network last night. William Gallegos, a mar-corporal, said that he and treated by their captors. Before and after the in

Before and after the imview, a spokeswoman for
students holding
embassy read a prepaapeech appealing to the Amcan people to pur pressure
Washington to return
deposed Shah to Iran to sta
trial.

The use of er comments apparently part of a worked out between NBC worked out between MBC: the students for access to hostage. Although the quinns were put to Mr Galla by NBC reporers the in view was filmed by an Irantelevision crew in from o large colour portrait of Aya lah Khomeini.

The two other big Ameri television networks, ABC CBS, declined to agree to s

CBS declined to agree to a conditions.

After the interview broadcast, Mr Jody Powell, White House spokesman and was a cruel and very cal attempt to divert put attention from internation demands for independent observers to be allowed to the hostages. He claimed Mr Gallegon's statement been made under duress therefore had no validity.

His criticism was echoed a diminative in

His criticism was echoed Mr John Brademas, the De cratic Whip in the House cratic Whip in the House Representatives. Claiming, his views reflected the attit of kost of the leaders Congress. Mr Brade accused NB C of providing foru m for propaganda." Iranian authorities. Such move was not in the internal of the hostages, he added. The description of the li

conditions of the host offered by the marine diffe offered by the marine discretization carlier retains they lacked exercinances of clothes and prototlet facilities. Some seadministration officials claiming that some of the tages have been interrogate.

French free Iranian sent back by Britair Paris, Dec II.—A yo Iranian deported from Bri during the night, was rele: after questioning today by French police investigating assessination of Captain S riar Chafik, a nephew of deposted Shah of Iran. Iranian had been refused e to Britain because immigra was a genuine visitor.

Allies asked to press Iran harder

From Our Defence Correspondent Brussels, Dec 11

States Defence Secretary called for more positive support for America in its atempts to free the hostages in Iran, when he addressed a press conference

here today.

He thanked the Aliles for the sympathy and support, which had been much appreciated by the United States. But he went on: "It is now appropriate for the Allies, our friends and the the Allies, our friends and the worl community to reflect their disapproval through concrete diplomatic and economic steps."

Mr Brown, who has spoken individually to other defeace ministers attending a week of Nato meetings, declined to specify what form the steps might take.

Asked if he ruled out the option of a naval blockade against Iran, he replied: "I neither rule out nor rule in anything." But he said he would prefer to bring purely diplomatic and economic pressures to bear.

r Brown expressed concern at the treatment of the hostages. "The denial of requests that neutral outsiders be allowed to see and salk with the hostages.

see and talk with the hostages on a regular basis to determine their condition compounds the outrage. It makes me, for example, very suspicious of statements that they are being well treated. well treated.

well treated.

"Where are they? How are they? The world demands to know. Their isolation, the binding of their hands and feet, the denial of conversations with each other and with outsiders—these facts are nor compatible with the hollow assurances that they have nor been havened? he they have not been harmed." he Vance plea: Mr Cyrus Vance.

the American Secretary of State the American Secretary of State today met West German leaders to seek support for collective economic pressure to secure the release of the hostages (Patricia Clough writes from Bonn).

The West Germans have been extremely reserved about the meeting and are refusing eventor in discuss possible measures.

to say-Bonn would clearly like to show the maximum solidarity with its most important ally, but economic measures would create legal and practical problems and there is also concern for the safety of numerous West Ger-man businessmen, technicians and diplomats in Iran.

to to discuss possible measures, even hypothetically, third they have heard what Mr Vance has

Spy trial of US hostages to be postpone while 'American crimes' are investigated

Tehran, Dec 11.—Mr Sadeq have independent international city of Tabriz brought at l Quebzadeh, the Iranian Foreign observers to go and visit the a temporary truce to the Minister, said today that the prisoners, I hope in a very since of Azerbaijan today a trial of American hostages on charges of spying will be deferred until an international commission has investigated the "crimes" of the United States.

Mr Quebzadeh told selected About 430 revolutionary for vincial capital this mornin foreign journalists at a press lowers of the radical leader. foreign journalists at a press-conference that the formation of the international commissionwould be announced within 10 days. He called it a "grand jury" and said its foreign members would not include

members would not include diplomats accredited to Iran The students holding the 50 hostages at the American Embassy would not comment on Mr Qotbradeh's proposal, but said: "The hostages do not belong to Qotbradeh or the Foreign Ministry but they belong to the whole nation, whose decision is expressed by Imam (the Ayatollah) Khomeini." whose decision is expressed by

Imam (the Ayatollah) Robert Fisk writes from
Khomeini."

Tehron: The arrival of the

Mr Qodizadeh told the press
Conference: "We are going to mission to the north-western

Asked if the so-called grand jury would by the hostages, he replied: "A grand jury is a grand jury, not a trial."

About 430 revolutionary followers of the radical leader, Shaikh Muhammad Montazari, today occupied the departure lounge of Tehran international airport for the esecond day and pledged not to evacuate the airport grounds until they boarded. pledged not to evacuate the zirport grounds until they boarded
an aircraft to fly to Lebanou
to fight israel and its allies.

Defying Lebanon's decision
not to accept the volunteers
and the measures taken in
Beirut to prevent them landing
there, Shaikh Montazari said
they would enter Lebanon by
first flying to Damascus—
Reuter and UPL

The three-man team, which includes Mr Abolhassan I Sadr, the former For Minister, actived in the vincial capital this mornin vincial capital tols morning apparently only just in time prevent further viole between Turkish-speaking porters of the Ayatollah Ka Shariat-Madari, the I spiritual leader and follow of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Ayatollah Shariat-Madar. Ayatollah Shariat-Madar.
Inown to believe that if
Iranian Government makes
more "mistakes" in A
baijan, then the author
could face a civil war
Offer by Shah's nephew:
Darius Pahlavi Hillyer, ageo
who said he is a nephew of
Shah of Iran, has offered
exchange himself for 20 of
American hostages "to make
for my past life"—Reuter
Charles Douglas-Home, pag

South Africa admits cat explosion on ocean isle

From Our Corresponden
Johannesburg, Dec 11
South free has admitted setting off in explosion deep in the South Atlantic but I is

in the South Atlantic but I is not the nuclear res he Wes suspects i has conducted. On remote Marion Island, 1,200 miles south of Cape Town, which is used as a weather station, there has been a population explosion of tats.

Five ordinary domestic cats were taken to the island after it was annexed by South Africa in 1947 to deal with rats which were plaguing the meteorologists. By 1976 the original five had muotiplied to more than an estimated 5,000 and thiving vir-

tually exterminated the rats had turned their attention o sea birdds which roos on the island. According to Professor John Skinner, of the Department of the University, said the cats Zoology at the University of preyed mostly on seagoing Pretoria, the cats have been petrels.

Pretoria, the cats have been petrels.

Previous attempts to reduce a year and several species are the cat population, including now endangered.

But a desperate measure to bring down the cat population had been used to deliver 100 cats, been used to deliver 100 cats, certain. Some zoologists believe infected with feline enteritis, a new generation of cats on the DC10, and the voice is contained no words of alarm other exchanges to indicate knowledge by the crew the crash was imminent.

Bodies recovered: The last the bodies recovered from crash ware flown to Auckl to selected parts of the Island.

Marion, island will develop important the virus has snread success.

fully and he cat population has been more than halved.

Dr Michael Levien, chairman of the South African Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) said: "It is cruel and inhumane to infect cats with feline enteritis.

It is a terrible and suffering death. In a sophisticated scientific civilization, where man has been able to pur man on the Moon and to manufacture petrol from coal, one would expect to find a way of humanely euthenizing these

He is writing to the World Federation for the Protection of Animals in Zurich to ask whether it can offer any scientific advice to solve the prob-Mr. Rudi Van Aarde research officer at the Manimal Research Institute of Pre-

toria University, said the cats

The virus has spread success munity to the virus.

Warning systen noise recorded in DC10 crash

Charles Douglas-Home, pag

New York, Dec 11.—A recording recovered from trash of an Air New Zezl DC10 in the Antarctic month includes a noise from warning system designed to the pilot when the airliner too low, The New York Tireported today.

It quoted United States a tion officials who are study the voice recorder tape and flight recorder as saying it not known when the warn sounded or whether the c would have had time to rea

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The officials said that
crash, in which all 257 per
aboard were killed, could t
been caused by a navigative roor and weather condit
which obscured the ground.
The airliner, which was c
sightseeing flight from A sightseeing flight from Atland, crashed on Mount Ere a volcano, on November 28. The officials said the fl recorder showed no signs structural or mechanical fail

interview Colonel Gaddafi suspends aid to angers PLO and says he wants White Hoto improve relations with US Colonel Gaddafi said

ay accused Mr. Yassir Arafat ead of the Palestine Liberation rganization, of plotting with fficials of Al Fatah against the alestinian cause.

Colonel Gaddaff said in an iterview that statements by it Arafat, "containing persual insults about me show here is a conspiracy against the alestinian revolution." He added: "There is no fference between Begin (the sraeli Prime Minister) and a alestinian who is trying to abuit the Palestinian people

The Libyan leader said he ow understood why the ebanese preferred to side with rael rather than Al Fatah. Mr Arafat and the LO were mr Aratar and the LQ were reparing to sell out the alestinian people, he said ibya was suspending all continuions to the PLO and turn-

ig the money over to represen-tives of the 60,000 Palestinians

Colonel Gaddafi said he had ecided on Sunday to expel the ead of Al Farah's bureau in ripoli because of complaints sceived from Palestinians bout the official's conduct. "He made Palestinians pay im sums of money, he mal-

Belgrade

art show

elgrade, Dec 11

The exhibition remains open

ut the attacks began only the sek after it was opened. The

rtist has incorporated in his

leak pictures newspaper head-nes about President Tito's social activities making the

said.—Agence France-Presse. official messages had passed be-Assurances from United States? tween Tripoli and Washington The Libyan leader in another on the question of the United interview, set aside earlier States Embassy, which Libyan interview, set aside earlier threats against the United States and said Libya wanted

States and said Libya wanted to improve its relations with the United States. We wish to intensify our dialogue with the United States," he said.

Libya had received assurances from Washington that ellowed him to forget for the present his threats to impose an oil embargo against the United States or to consider a reduc-Stares or to consider a reduc-tion in Libyan oil production of two million barrels a day, of which the United States imports 700,000.

According to Colonel Gaddafi, the assurances, were that if President Carter is reclected there would be a shift in United States policy in the Middle
East towards a more neutral
posture. These assurances, he
said came from the President
through unofficial but reliable

terpreted, "as meaning a more neutral American posture in the conflict between the Arabs and Israel. We also believe they might entail a more sympathetic sumude towards the Palestinian

demonstrators ransacked and burnt on December 2. He said his Government would see to it that nothing similar happened

He had rold the President that Libya could and would pro-tect the embassies in Libya. The United States reduced its em-bassy staff to a minimum after the attack

Colonel Gaddafi also con demned Iran for the seizure of the United States Embassy in The United States Empassy in Teberan and holding hostages. Although he made some explanations on behalf of the Iranians, he said their action was not in accord with Islam and was houring the religion's reputation.

He implied that the Libyans, who have close relations with Iran, had tried to mediate the release of the histages and were continuing to do so.

"I am quite frankly totally opposed to the holding of host-ages, not only in Iran but anywhere in the world". Colonel Gaddafi said. Libya has been accused by the United States of harbouring international terrorists, a charge he denies vehemistly. New York Times News

Uproar over Worst of world hunger 'can be eliminated in 20 years'

Washington, Dec 11

The elimination of world hunger should be the primary focus; of America's relations with developing countries during the next two decades, a presidential commission has concluded eiter a 15-month investigation of the problem.

In a presimenary report just

A political uproar has blown p over an exhibition in Belrade of paintings by Mica opovic, a Yegoslav peinter.

The has been accused of a political provocation in his paintings, which depict scenes of intemporary life painted in redominantly dark and grey plours. rigation of the problem.

In a presiminary report just published in Washington, the Presidental Commission on World Hunger says that "wide-spread hunger is a cruel fact of our time." Its principal causa is not the occasional dramatic decision that the enduring condition of subbalman poverty that afflicts as many as one in five afflicts as many as one in five members of the human family," Mr Sol Linowitz, the chairman of the commission adds in a covering letter. The report and the letter were

Five years ago an exhibition f Mr Popovic's paintings was anned arew hours before it the report and the letter were handed over to President Carter by members of the commission as a White House occasion was an opportunity for the United States to embark upon an "exciting and crucial" effort to help to alleviate the problem of world hanger. as due to open. He was then howing President Tito and his ow estranged wife in full plendour against the bleak ackground of Yugoslav orkers in West Germeny.

The central figure in the resent exhibition is Gwodzen, be symbolizes the Serbian against the control of the control

resident Tito receiving to President of Afghanistan.
There are also portraits of the regime. Nevertheless, the ter that the exhibition has not the authorities attinde.

Australians to attack drug syndicates

Events at home and abroad clearly highlight the need for attention to the basic huntar needs of our citizens and people throughout the world. At this very moment we are witnessing crises that threaten the security of the world. In the same way, a hungry world is an unstable world and the need for appropriate policies to deal appropriate policies to deal with that threat is obvious." he

Mr Linowitz emphasizes, how-

ever, that the commission is not advocating that the United States should feed the rest of the world Such a mission would be doomed to failure. "The struggle against hunger is a struggle for self-reliant economic development", he says. of practical steps the United States should take to improve its development aid policies. They include a recommenda-

bo symbolizes the Serbian easant forced to go in search it work abroad. One painting says that after careful consideration of the evidence the possible towards increasing sideration of the evidence the possible towards increasing commission believes that the its level of economic essistance worst aspects of world hunger for developing commission possible towards increasing commission believes that the its level of economic essistance worst aspects of world hunger for developing commission possible towards increasing commission the evidence the possible towards increasing commission the evidence the possible towards increasing commission the evidence the possible towards increasing commission the evidence that the goal of 0.7 per cent of the goal of 0.7 per cent of the goal of 0.7 per cent of the entury possible to the limited by the enture goal of 0.7 per cent of the goal of the century.

To be sure, such an achieve ment will require a major effort on the pair of the developing towards increasing towards increasing towards increasing commission the developing towards increasing t

stood to go beyond drug trait gets than marijuans, although ficking to irrolve most major many police considered that organized crime. marijuana led to the use of it is believed that there are barder drugs.

Reshaping of Israeli forces is resented

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem Dec 11:

Serious disagreer reported among senior Army officers over a decision by Mr Ezer Weizmann, the Minister of Defence, to press ahead with a controversial plan to reshape the Israeli defence forces. The full extent of the discontent is difficult to judge but yesterday The Washington Star

broke Israeli military censor-ship by reporting that one senior general had resigned. The newspaper claimed that a number of others, including General Dan Shomron, the General Dan Shomron, the commander of the Entebbe raid. were also ready to leave in

Under the plan, the armoured

Under the plan, the armoured corps, artillery, paratroops and infantry and engineers would be combined into a single ground forces command.

Diplomats see the scheme as an attempt to restructure the defence forces along lines more suited to the possibility of a lasting peace with Egypt. It has also been interpreted as a blow to the prestige of General Rafael Eytan, the Chief of Staff. A noted "hawk" he has recently been much criticized A noted "hawk" he has recently been much criticized for reducing the semences of

The plan was devised by the politically moderate Major-General Israel Tal, who yester-General Israel Tal, who yester-day returned from six years in the Army reserves to take over as head of the ground forces command. His promotion was seen by many commentators as a sign that despite his age—he is 56—he was being groomed as the next chief of staff.

General Tal is the designer of the. Merkava, Israel's only home produced battle tank and is generally held to believe that

nerally held to believe that the country's strength depends on factors other then territory. Today Mr Weizmann told the Knesset's defence and foreign affeirs committee that the Washington Star report was malicious gossip. He is reported to have said: "It is true that the appointment of General Tal led to disagreements, but the Israeli defence force is not a factory and when a decision is made, it is carried out." Antenomy talks: Renewed American diplomatic efforts to achieve a breakthrough in the deadlocked talks on

Palestinian autonomy in the occupied territories will con-tinue tomorrow when Mr Sol Linowitz, President Carter's Linowitz, President Carter's new Middle East envoy, flies

back to Cairo.

He will be accommonpenied by Dr Joseph Burg, the leader of the Israeli negotiating team. They will confer with Mr Mustapha Khalil, the Egyptian

doubtful tonight that sufficient progress could be made on the many outstanding issues of substance to meet the May deadline set in the Camp David

In an election manifesto advocating austerity, the party said it would prohibit the manufacture of non-essential items,

ncluding refrigerators and tele-

The party would follow the

economic policy advocated by Mahatma Gandhi, based on

small cottage industries rather than on development that re-

quired large investments but provided relatively few jobs. It promised to break what it called the monopolistic strengle.

hold of foreign companies over the Indian economy.

The manifesto also proposed the closure of any public enter-prise showing continuous losses,

vision sets.

Indian Premier's party

calling for skyscraper ban

Delhi, Dec 11.—The People's dacy of Mr Sanjay Gaudhi, the Party (Lok Dal) of Mr Charan younger son of Mrs Indira Singh, the caretaker Prime Gaudhi, a former Prime Minister announced today that if it was returned to power in The objectors had sought to



Christmas tree in the White House vesterday.

Accused S Korean dismisses lawyers

has admitted assassinating Mr Kim said he did not mean President Park Cheung-Hee disto imply that they were "inmissed his 21 lawyers today, saying that their defence would diminish the importance of his "nations".

"nations" diminish the importance of his national revolution to restore democracy in South Korea.

At the start of the afternoon ourt martial session, Kim Dae Corea's Central Intelligence

Agency, suddenly stood up and told the court that he had decided that defence lawyers could not help him leave behind the true historical account of why he murdered President Park. He said he would defend

The legal adviser on the five-member panel told Mr Kim that continuation of the proceedings would be impossible because the law required all defendants to law required all defendants to be legally represented. Colonel Hwang Jong Tae, the Judge Hon and attempted rebellion in Advocate, suggested he accept a count-appointed lawyer and Mr Kim agreed.

The 21 lawyers representing Mr Kim included civil rights charged with destroying sunds. Another KCIA agent is the assassination of President Park and five of his body-guards. Another KCIA agent is charged with destroying sunds. Another KCIA agent is Charged with destroying sunds. Another KCIA agents were questioned. AP.

his mother.

The election officers ruled that Mr. Gaudhi's communication

was valid because an appeal against his sentence was pend-

against his sentence was pending at the Supreme Court.

The officers made a similar ruling on objections to the candidacy of Mr V. C. Shukla, a former Minister of Informa-

A number of jokers including one "Jimmy Carter" and one "Ayatollah Khomeini" appear to be running for the election.

the Press Trust of India re-ported today.

The list of 5,200 nominees published here today also included a bugle-bearing "Lone

their offorts would distort the importance of the "national revolution to restore democ-racy" which be had carried out

racy" which he had carried out "with confidence and convic-Mr Kim testified on Saturday that he assassinated President

Park to end his one-man rule and restore democracy.

The prosecution today wound up its questioning of the eight defendants. The defence case

is expected to start tomorrow and vehicuts could be handed down by the weekend.

Mr Kim, along with Kim Kae

Won, the former President's

secretary, and five former KCIA agents are charged with

Ex-manager back

in Hongkong

under escort Hongkoug, Dec 11.-Waher Boxall, former Hongkoug telephone company property manager, returned from Britain

Minister, announced today man if it was returned to power in next month's election it would ban luxury cars and the constituency of Amethi, Uttar breweriesand casinos.

The objectors had sought to have Mr Gandhi barred from standing for election in the constituency of Amethi, Uttar breweriesand casinos.

Pradesh, on the ground that had been sentenced to jail for destroying a film criticizing under escort today after being extradited to face charges of corruption. Mr Boxall, on whom an extradition order was signed last week by Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary. is expected to appear in counts tomorrow to answer 20 counts alleging bribery and conspiracy to defraud.

He left for London suddenly last year with his wife while Hongkong's Independent Commission against Corruption was investigating his activities.—Reuter.

Defiant cleric to face court over banning

Johannesburg, Dec 11
Friction between the Angli-

can church of South Africa and the state increased today to actions and speeches at the Anglican provincial synod at Grahamstown in the Cape.

The Rev David Russell, who had attended the synod in defiance of a banning order restricting him to his home area of Wynberg, was yesterday summoned to appear in face two counts relatively. court to face two counts relaiing to breach of a benning

South African radio today sharply criticized a resolution passed by the synod giving qualified support to the World Council of Churches programme to combat racialism. The commentary alleged that the church had given its sanction to experience the church was a synonymetric to the church who track was a synonymetric. tion to people who took up arms against the state. This was a reference to the

resolution on the council's pro-gramme which sought to accommodate a wide range of opinions among delegates. It asserted that since there was more than one form of Christian obedience, the church could not commit itself to identify with any liberation movement, political party or government

On the use of force, it said : "Some Christians feel them-selves called to be pacifists, others to defend the Republic

borders to take up arms to achieve what they believe will be a more just ordering of society."

The summons against Mr Russell is expected to cause widespread protests. He was placed under a five-year ban-ning order in October, 1977, at the time of the previous gov-ernment's action against Black Consciousness organizations after the death in detention of Mr Steve Biko.

Mrs Helen Suzman, of the opposition Progressive Federal Party, described the surumons as an unwise move. Mr Russell is already awaiting court judgis already awaiting court judg-ment on a previous charge of breaking his banning order.

Anglicals in South Africa are already in a ferment over the synod decision to defy the laws which require appli-cations to be made for permits to hold non-racial church meet-ings and other non-racial acti-vities

The Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Bill Bur-nett, told the synod at the weekend that he is prepared to defy the law even if this leads the end of the institutional church". The

church
The archbishop is being
urged to seek a meeting with
Government ministers to avert
confrontation with the state, in view of the new climate of racial reform since Mr P. W.

mission

in Angola

Nobel money | Soviet army may get tax exemption

Delhi, Dec 11.—The Indian Government is considering a proposal to exempt from tax the money given to Mother Teresa for winning the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, a Finance Ministry spokesman said today.

The Albanian-born nun, who lives in Calcutta, received the award and 800,000 Swedish kroner (about 588,000) at Oslo University yesterday for her work among the world's group.

work among the world's poor. Under Indian law prize money is exempted from tax only when the award has been made by the Government of India. Other cases are considered on merit, the spokesman

The spokesman said the Law The spokesman said the Law Ministry had sought clarifications. But press reports here that it had raised objections on the grounds that Mother Teresa was not a full-fledged citizen were not correct, he said. Some reports said that Mother Teresa would have to pay nearly 80 per cent of the money in income max if no

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Dec 11 A 35-member Soviet military mission has arrived in Luanda, the capital of Angola, according to a Luanda radio broadcast monitored here. Although there are more than 20,000 Cuban soldiers in Angola,

the arrival of the Soviet mission at this particular juncture in southern African developments has a menacing connotation, according to observers here. The Luanda broadcast said the mission arrived at the weekend and had already visited Ruambo, formerly Nova Lisbon, and the Huila districts to assess the needs of the Angolan Army in the face of "constant enemy

attacks. Although the enemy was not named, forces of Mr Jonas Savimbi's anti-Government movement Units are active in southern and central Angola. They have the covert help of South African forces engaged in a guerrilla war with the South-West Africa People's Organiza-(Swapo) in northern

Canadian Constitution may be altered over Quebec

From Ian Murray Paris, Dec 11

The new Canadian Government was sackling the problem presented by the Quebec separatist movement on a basis of cooperation rather than con-frontation. Mrs Flora Macdonald, Minister for External Affairs, said in Paris today. Addressing a meeting of the French Diplomatic Press Association—the first woman to do so—Mrs Macdonald hinted that there could be changes in

the Canadian Constitution to enable the Quebecois to pre-serve their heritage and sense of identity. But Mrs Macdonald, who de-

But Mrs Macdonald, who de-livered the part of her speech dealing with Quebec in French, made it clear that the Govern-ment did not envisage an in-dependent Quebec, "It is our intent... to satisfy, within the fabric of the Canadian Federa-

tion, the need they feel to mainidentity."

In those areas where the

Quebecois had specific needs, "our Government will not con-front the Government in Quebec city with a standard or a point of view that would need-lessly restrict their own pro-gress to the fulfilment of their objectives. Our Constitution is broad and flexible. If neces-sary it is changeable."

Mrs Macdonald said that the

Government's policy was to transfer contentious issues, such as off-shore responsibilities and the control of lotteries, exist at the moment, and to work as well as we can with the Government for the people of Quebec?.

In this way, she said, the

Government was preparing the way for the referendum on

Los Angeles busing causes 'white flight' Other findings in the study, From Ivor Davis gramme began with some 40,000-

Los Angeles, Dec 11

The results of a new study into the effects of the Los Angeles school desegregation programme comes as no surprisa to critics of the busing plan which is now in its second year. It confirms that mandatory busing is the key reason for or Mexican-American schools "white flight" by many did not show up. The absentes

economy.

A programme of austerity was necessary, the party said, to prevent the poor gerting poorer. Glaring inequalities of wealth and income were the main ills and declares that all political parties and their leaders are corrupt.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse. University Sociologist, presented his findings last Wednesday in the form of testimony in the Los Angeles, he said, control Angeles Superior Court desegregation hearings before and church schools rather than In September, 1978, the pro- come families.

50,000 youngsters aged between nine and 13 being bused across town. Mr Ross measured the behaviour of about 400 white families against their attitudes a year before. He found that 38.4 per cent

of white students due to be bused to predominantly black "white flight" by many did not show up. The absentee families.

Air J. Michael Ross, a Boston ted from busing was only 14.7

Judge Paul Egly, who is over-seeing the plan, the largest ever trict. Those who did leave the undertaken in the United States. area tended to be higher in-

which was ordered by the Los Angeles Board of Education, included: People who believed school desegregation reduced racial prejudice were more likely to stay in the district; families with older children (12 or over) and with no element-ary school-aged youngsters were more likely to stay.

Recently the Los Angeles Board of Education asked Judge Egly to eliminate mandatory busing, pointing out that it had led to such extensive "white flight" that desegregation was no longer possible. Further hearings are expected

with additional testimony being gives any decisions.

New guide soon is Chinese rop 'red book'

felbourne, Dec 11

The newly-formed Australian

ederal Police, under Sir Colin Yoods, the former British hief Inspector of Constabu-

ury, is to increase its attack

drug racketeering in Aus-

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edgie it believes to be crimi-al syndicate leaders. Although rimarily using new powers gainst drug trafficking the plice will also empley other deral laws, including currency and banking regulations, in an tempt to convict ringleaders.

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aid that the problem has be-

ome "a deeply rooted tree, ith branches that continue to row and cast their sinister

hadows further across the

figures given by Sir olin deserve consideration:

Jounny

Peking, Dec 11—China will on publish a new guide for omnumist Party members to eplace Chairman Mao Tseung's Little Red Book.

The People's Daily said today and the beat at the propersion of the people's Daily said today. nat the book, called Fundaientals of the party, sums up he party's experience. The first six chapters deal ith the party's ideology, rganizational principles, party nity and discipline. The next hree explain the party's style. I work the mass line criticism and self-criticism. The last hapter is about the rights and huties of party members and heir exemplary role in the ountry's modernization drive.

ed book became the bible of 300 million Chinese during the Cultural Revolution, the translard reference for Chinese communists was a book called flow to be a good Communist, by Liu Sheo-chi, former President of the Republic.

The book was flercely discredited by millions of Red Guards but was restored to Javour in August.—Agence August.--Agence

Until Chairman Mao's little

Ailing Thai economy keeps general in power

siter one leader had been re-

some of the methods to be used, he added, will include electronic listening devices to gather evidence on traffickers,

and more cooperation between his own force and state police

Sir Colin said he thought it wrong not to make heroin the main priority in the fight against the drug trade. He added he and his staff thought there were more important targets there were more important targets there were more important targets.

Kusia Lumpur, Dec 11

year. Heads of federal and state

police forces are meeting in Melbourne as a result of Sir

Cohn's plans, but the new federal programme is under-

al syndicate leaders. Although rimarily using new powers gainst drug trafficking the plice will also employ other ideal laws, including currency and banking regulations, in an try are seized, which means tempt to convict ringleaders. The Government is increasingly concerned about the smuggled into Australia this south his plans. Australia's performance against drug traffickers so far has between 2.5 and 5 per cent of all drugs coming into the country are seized, which means that between 600 and 1,200 kilograms of heroin may have been smuggled into Australia this year.

The Thei Government, under General Kriangsak Chommand, General Kriangsak Chommand, is under pressure from the armed forces, the National Assembly, and student and trades union leaders amid growing tension along the Thai-Kampuchean border and the poor performance of the economy. But many observers here believe that it is too early to write General Kriangsak off. He is beloed by the reluciance of the armed forces teadership and the seasoned politicians in the National point cians in the National Assembly to take over, knowing that they would have to face the thankless task of sorting out what a former finance minister, Mr. Boonchin. Rajasathien, recently described as the "economic mess" lacing the country.

The present crisis arose not. as one would have reasonably expected, from the tension along the border bur from the Government's decision to double the electricity and water rates from the beginning of November. The Government had subsidized these rates for years.

There was uproar and the

Since then eight other mini-sters have stepped down, osten-sibly to enable General Kriangsak to reorganize his

But businesses, the most affected by the proposed rate increases, promptly raised their prices but did not bring them down when the raises were can-celled. The public reaction was a sathark for General Kriang-sak, who had been careful to maintain support from all fac-

tions.
He has also collected powerful enemies; particularly Mr sectation groups except the Fanin Kraivizien, the former armed forces and his first Cab-

his country back to some form of democratic government. It is an irony of That politics that in so doing he all but for feited the support of his erst-while colleagues in the armed forces, who swung their support to General Prem Tinso-lananda, the present Defence

Observers here say this was partly because of General Kriangsak's preoccupation with maintaining civilian support.

Because of his general popularity, he was beholden to no Fanin Kraivixien, the former time forces and his first Cabinet Justice who became Prime Minister after the overthrow of one of exceptionally ordered as one of

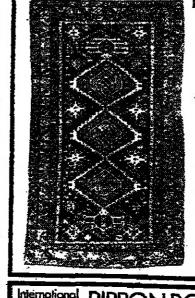
rises were rescinded when our leaders and other groups suited from the Cabinet infight-student and labour leaders opposed to Mr Tanin before he threatened to demonstrate in moved. Once he was Prime frequent and trenchant criticism the streets. The minister condition Minister, he mended Thailand's from the National Assembly. Cerned, Mr Kasame Chatika fences with the outside world No confidence motions were vanil, resigned in protest, and moved tentatively to bring proposed against 10 of his proposed against 10 of his ministers, eight of whom resigned early this week.

At the same time, the armed forces have been restless at what they perceive as his "weakness" in wanting to in wanting to maintain links with Vietnam

> Kampuchean border. The politicians' statements within and without the National Assembly indicate they are ready to remove General Kri-angsak. But the truth is otherwise. They say their reluctance stems from the sorry state of the economy. "The economy is in such

even as Hanoi was strengthening its forces along the Thai-

shape that if a civilian Prime Minister took over now, he would be overthrown in no time at all", one contender for the leadership said. "Besides, our interests for the moment are best served by a man like General Kriangsak who, after all, technically, is Prime Minister because we voted him in."
That in the end could well be General Krisngsak's lifetime.



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Boycott opens up his locker at last

From John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent Sydney, Dec 11 Australia were as compensatively beaten by England in the world series one-day competition here today as they were by West Indies in Melbourne on Sunday. In 43 overs, which was as many as Australia bowled in their three as assistant owner in mer investigation of the field.
England made 264 for seven;
Australia, rather flattered by their final reply of 192, lost by 72 russ. The man of the match was Boycott, who scored 105 like a man inspired.

man inspired.

It was a rousing performance by England. They looked as keen and eager as Australia, in their dreadful yellow pyjamas, looked, for the most part, stale and distillusioned. Between the fielding of the two sides there was no comparison. England's was magnificent. Australia's shoddy. As for Boycott, it is possible, I think, to put his purple patch down to the pitches, which he has decided are good enough (and so much better than last year) to allow him to change the percentages of his game. He played shots today that he has kept in his locker for years.

yests.

There is a difference in captainty, too. England respond splendidly to Breariey; when, on the other hand, Australia are under pressure, Chappell withdraws beneath his sun har. There is a long way to go yet, and a lot of cricket to play, and a lot can go wrong, but this evening at any rate all went wonderfully well. rate all went wouderfully well.

Boycott's batting was a revelation. The innings of his which is
usually cited as having shown
what he is capable of is his
hundred in the Gillette Cup final
of 1965. Today he played like that.
Having escaped by a hairsbreadth
from being run out off the first
ball of the match, when answering
a bad call by Raindall, he played,
if anything, even better than in
Melbourne last Saturday, when he
was in the side only because of
an injury to Miller. rate all went wonderfully well.

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Here are some of Boycott's strokes this atternoon; from down the pitch he lofted Walker for four over deep mild-on; on one occasion he took a pace to Lillee to crash him through the covers for four; and again he was well down the pitch when he drove Border for four over extra cover. When, at one stage, Tony Greig went to sit with Kerry Packer, Greig was greeted with a disbelieving shake of the head.

Boycott should have been caught Boycott should have been caught in the covers by Darling off Walker when he was 16. That was his only mistake until Lillee bowled him as he made to run him down to third man. So much

Yea, Victoria, Dec II.—The West Indians drew their one-day match with a Victorian Country XI here today. They declared their innings at 329 for three and the Victorian team replied with 133 for eight.

With the captain, Clive Lloyd, receiving treatment for a knee injury in Melbourne, Alvin Kallichartan led the West Lodiens. He won the toss and decided to bat. Greenings and Haynes setting the

Greenidge's 77 took 93 minutes

and he was eventually caught by Pendleton off the medium pace bowler, Sonegan. Haynes ended his innings of 74 in the same manner, giving Pendleton and Sonegan a double.

Rowe provides highlights

was it Boycott's day that after 64. When he was caught at long-on the first of the drunk intervals in the fortieth over England were he went to the end where the 136 for two Boycott departed at strike was, which should have 235, in the forty-seventh over. By been Randall's end, It was an accident, of course, and it was instead to late by the time it was noticed. By then Chappell seemed to be captaining Australia from the most successful, driving Lillee to be captaining Australia from the Noble stand.

No wonder Lillee has noticed. By then Chappell seemed to be captaining Australia from one end and Marsh from the other. "No wonder Lillee has been avoiding Boycott all these years," said someone with a nice laconic touch. When Boycott reached his hundred in the forty-fifth over of England's innings, with a cover drive for four off Lillee, his joy, and ours, was unconfined.

Willey, too, played a fine inother. "No wonder Lillee has been avoiding Boycott all these years," said someone with a nice laconic touch. When Boycott reached his hundred in the forty-fifth over of England's innings, with a cover drive for four off Lillee, his joy, and ours, was Walker. Lillee's four for 56 Lillee, his joy, and ours, was Walker. Lillee's four for 56 Lillee, his joy, and ours, was walker. Lillee's four for 56 was a false analysis, all his wick-ets coming when the bat was being thrown. A brilliant running, tumbling catch by Hookes, lielding as substitute for Chappell at deep midwicket, off the last ball of the England innings, was small con-

creditable performance, ending on 55 not out. But it was a magnifi-cent innings by Rowe, with a score of 97, which highlighted the

executivally Rowe was caught by Symons off the bowling of Coles, after litting 14 fours and two

arter states.

The Victorian XI had little hope of catching the West Indians, who seemed so at ease amid the relaxed atmosphere. Wickets fell quickly, with Parry taking four

Total (7 whit, 49 avers) .

Total (47.2 overs) ...

Football

Stein unveils Scotland's

solation for Australia, in taking it Hookes pulled a muscle badly enough to have to be taken our of Pricary's Fast march in Perith. His place there has going to Prace Tooling, of New South Water.

After Wenger and Darling had screek 33 together for Australia managed somehow to lose five wickets for five runs in 4.2 overs on a perfect batting pitch Darling was caught at its wicket. That wicket and yorked Border; Hughes was caught at the wicket, rying to tut, and Chappell, sent back by Waiters, was run our by Gower racing in from cover point and throwing down the wicket. That was 39 for five At 61 March played on to Dilley.

Anstralia's revival was launched by Waiters. As popular as ever with the Sydney crowd, be gave them something to cheer until he was caught at the vicket, hooking ar Borham. Laughlin made some spirited flows and his side's highest acore; Lillee huffed and puffed for a while and Waiter hungs ground. But it was a hopeless cause. The longer the Australiar brings lasted the more England relayed, a pity, I hought until in the end Randall first clowned and then bowled and finally took the last Australias wicket. For the first time in these oddy internationals, incident ally, the capitals winning him he is an overcast day. Becardey knew his noon day internationals, incident ally, the capitals winning him he is an overcast day. Becardey laws his clowned and then bowled and finally took the last. Australias wicket, for the first time in these oddy internationals, incident ally, the capitals winning him he is an overcast day. Becardey laws his clowned and then bowled and finally took the last. Australias with his been some ships. Chappel in the province of t

Winning touch

The former European Cup holders, Bayern Munich of West Germany, would be unwise to regard the two-goal lead they carry into the away leg of their third round European Football Union (Uefa) cup tie against Red Sur, Belwrade, today as a passport to the

cup the against Red Stat, Belgrade, today as a passport to the
fourth round. The Yugoslav
club, last year's beaten finalists,
have the knack of winning ties
from improbable situations.

They surprised a number of
teams on their way to the final
last year and, in the second round
of this season's competiton, they
beat Carl. Zelss Jena on a 6-4
siggregate after taking only a 3-2.

bear Carl Zess Jena on a b-saiggregate after taking only a 3-2 lead to East Germany for the second leg.

Bayern, one of five West German clubs hoping for a place in the last eight, warmed up for the match with a 4-0 league wip at the statement of the company of the last eight.

Red Star have

that vital



By Norman Fox

Footbalt Corvespondent

If Nottingham Forest were leading the farst division and playing with the expected verve of European champions, they would have received no more abundant publicity than in losing to Crystal Palace and dropping to seveneb place, six points bekind Liverpool, in the pass week. In the eight, days since they drew 0-0 at Upton, Park in a fifth round Léague Cup tie they have captured larger headlines than West Ham United, their replay opponents tonight, have gathered is a month.

Forest caught the attention by being drawn with Liverpool in the semi-final round, providing they best West. Bam at the felig Ground. Then the defeat at Crystal Palace on Saturday led to a lift between Brian Clough and his shadow, Peter Taylor. But divorce proceedings were not filed and by Monday morphing they had said a lot of complimentary things about each other.

said a lot of complimentary things about each other.

In the meantime, Mr Clough connected Queens Park Rangers and on Monday right announced that Bowles was to join Forest for about £200,000, pocket money by today's standards but there was believed to be a matter of some cash that Rangers owned Forest as a result of another deal. The signing was made in good time for Saturday's European Cup eligibility deadline. Bowlet will be able to play in the quarter final round in March.

West Ham's week has lavolved bearing Bristol' Rovers 2-1 but their manager, john Lyall, said they hardly deserved that. If there was a prize for the self-effacing, Mr Lyall would have won this week, but he was undisputably the manager to be more proud of last I utesday when Rorest struggled to stop West Ham winning at their first attempt.

In a match of fierce pace, Forest's middleld was ineffective and Brooking overran them in that area. The med for a more imagi-

antive build up both in that game and on Saturday at Selburat Park doubtless persuaded Mr Chough that Bowies could provide a useful service.

It would be unwise for West Ham to expect to confrol tonight's replay as they dominated the first meeting. Forest showed a marginal improvement on Saturday and in cup football they are still formidable. Probably their outstanding performance of the past should was an exciting 3-0 defeat of Bristol City in a Lesgue Cup fourth round replay at the City Groond, when their form approached last season's; but only three days later they lost at home to Brighton.

The key to the replay is the ability of West Ham's central defenders. Bonds and Martin, to stultify the speed of Francis and Birtles. They did so at Upton Park.

McGovern, the Forest captain, is still troubled by a leg strain so the team will not be alhered until next Saturday when Bowies is expected to be brought in for his first match, provided he passes a medical examination today. All is expected to be brought in for his first match, provided he passes a medical examination foday. All other formalities were completed yesterday even though the Queens Fark Rangers mainger, Tommy Dochetty, was still in hospital recovering from injuries received when attacked on Saturday. Since taking over at Lottus Road in May of this year, Mr Dochetty's transfers to and from the club have involved an estimated 13m.

Nottingham Forest and Norwich City, will have separate hearings at the offices of the Football Association on Friday when they will answer charges of not taking proper precautions against crowd misconduct. A week last Saturday goalkeepers at both grounds were injured, Rimmer, of Aston Villa, was hit by coins at Norwich and Jennings of Arsenal, was hirt by a dart thrown by a youth at Nortingham.

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Nottingham. Notingham.

In extreme cases the FA can dose grounds but as both clubs have comparatively good records of growd behaviour this season, the stikely outcome is fining.



Bannon and Cannon : will Scotland resound with the sound of their names ?

who has been playing in his team's reserves; the Nortingbars Forest full back, Frank Gorg the School Olity widefield player. Tony Pitopatrick, the Covenery City Striker, has Welfarz, whose chub have a flust division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division march with Aston Visia Me super inght; and the Leeds division teams are playing league marches; the Merchanger of Section of

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Leicester team. They are the
side in the Football Leagu
have scored in every game
season. Mr Stein says tha
new Scotland will be gears
artick with four strikers.

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deem K. Dalglish U.

Campbell face dismissal after meeting

Bohby Campbell, the lands after the chib's shareholders ling today, Graham Holmes chairman said yesterday Campbell would be offere other post with the clob, pt as chief scout, if he was refrom office.

However, Holmes and discretors face a vote of ne fidence from Rovers's the shareholder, lan Stevens, r log director of Bristol Stallmited where the club pla Shevens, with his father controls 40 per cent of the 3,000 shares. Mr Stevens, w signed recently complaining

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Today's fixtures (kick-off 7.30 unless stated LEAGUE CUP: finh round in SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: fire blar': Aberdeen v Dundee Upit Déns Park, Dizadee SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland MORTHERN PREMIER LE. Prickley V Marine; Mossley V M Reid. ISTAMIAN LEAGUE: second MID-WEEK LEAGUE: Peterb United v Cambridge United. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army v Middlesborough XI Centerkit, 2.0).

BUGBY UNION: Lydney v The

Soregan a double. The West Indian openers with Australia 350 for six declared: Test match against India, starting board ask Sarfraz to reinforce the in Bombay on Sunday. The first reached 100 in 54 minutes. After the dismissal of Haynes, the solid left-hander, Gomes, put in a drawn.—Reuter. HERTHI Sheffield Shield: New South Wales 353 and 250 for six declared: Test match against India, starting board ask Sarfraz to reinforce the in Bombay on Sunday. The first two tests were drawn. Imran Khan is undergoing treatment for an injured muscle in his side and west Zone. St. for no vit.—Reuter. Agreement deferred on sponsorship of Gillette Cup

bilities was a recurring theme at yesterday's meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board when spon-soship, surpluses, and gate receipts sostip, surpuses, and gate receipts frequently cropped up on the agenda. One unexpected item to emerge was that the TCCB and Gillette have been unable to agree the terms for the future sponsorship of the game's most popular one-day competition.

What was described as a substantial increase has been accepted stantial increase has been accepted for the 1980 Gillette Cup. Agreement on a tirree-year contract put forward by the firm, however, has been deferred because it falled to

to re-assess the competition's value as a basis for the new contract," said a oint statement from the board and the company. board and the company.

Gillette, in 1963, were the first of modern cricket's sponsors and there has always been a suspicion that this has played a part in their contribution remaining relatively low, compared with other sponsors who came on the scene later. Gillette's sponsorship at the moment is understood to be around £125,000 a year.

Further talks during the part few months wil ltake place. The board admit they will be discuss-

match the board's assessment of ing the matter with of the competition's worth. "The tive sponsors to see it extra year will enable both sides assessment is realistic; ing the matter with other prospec-tive sponsors to see if their own assessment is realistic; Gillette, in their turn, will not be auxious to lose the huge exposure which cricket gives their product.

The sum available for distribu-tion to the counties by the board after the 1979 season is expected to be around £1,425,000 which is more than the £15 million last

although weakened by iliness and injuries, made an impressive start today against India's West Zone, declaring at 310 for five wickers off 81 overs on the first day of their three-day match. The Zone replied with 31 for no wicket by the close.

Zaheer Abbas delighted the consequents of the strukes.

Zaneer Adors deligned the crowd with some fine strokes, getting 50 off 73 balls, and went on to store an unbeaten 84. While Zaheer chased the runs, Tasiam Azif played a defensive role before being caught off Yajurvendra for 101. Sadiq Mohammed also impressed, making 67, with 11 fours.

fours.
The Pakistanis were without their captain Asif Iqbal, who said he needed a rest before the third

to be around £1,425,000 which is more than the £1½ million last year, but is still considered slightly disappointing. TCCB delegates happily approved the suggestion that, for financial reasons, Australia should be invited to play six Test matches in England in 1981.

Logic and the purists, however, won against the purely profit intumber of points to be awarded. The later start and finish to the season, proposed for 1981, was agreed, and will also apply in 1982.

Pakistanis score rapidly

Poons, Dec 11.—The Pakistants, although weakened by iliness and injuries, made an impressive start today against India's West Zone, declaring at 310 for five wickets off 81 overs on the first day of their three-day manch. The Zone force the ream. Gen Azbar said that Sarfrax was not available and had not offered the board his services.

puttin gon two matches.

The meeting referred the proposed changes for next summer's county championship back to their cricket committee for further discussion, and these will not be finalised until the board's March meeting. These inter-pased was

Three former Pakistani Test

cricketers, Mahmood Hussain, Shujanddin Butt and Nasim-ul Ghani, later demanded that the board ask Sarfraz to reinforce the

of their tie against Grasshoppers, Zurich.

Borussia Moenchengiadbach, the bolders, also carry a two-goal lead into their away leg against Universitates Cuaiova of Romania. Neither side managed a win in their last league marches. Borussia were held to a 1-1 home draw by Kintracht Braumschweig and Craiova were beaten 1-0 by Arges Pitesti.

West Germany's strong complement is complemed by Raiserslauters and Eintracht Frankfurt. Eintracht take a commanding 4-1 lead to the Netherlands for their match against the fortiner European champions. Ferencoord Botterdam, and Kaiserslautern hold a 2-0 lead from the first, leg against Diösgyör Miskolc in Hun-

a 2-0 lead from the first legagainst Diöegyör Miskolc in Hungary.
Standard Liège of Belgium will
be without Michel Renquin when
they ravel to meet Czechostovakias Zbrojovka Brao. He was
sent off in the first leg.

British horses going overseas to bolster foreign rivals

All a question of endurance

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris
In the equestrian Olympic disciplines, Britain's star has always
shone most brightly in the threeday event. A run of imprecedented
success started at Punchesrown in
1967 and the British team was not
defeated until Kiev in 1973. But
in 1976 at Bromont, near Montreat, the British team came badly
unstack. Aithough third after the
dressage, both Hugh Thomas's
gallam, old Playamar and Lucinda
Prior-Palmer's Be Fair, the reigning European champion, broke
down during the speed, and endursuce place. British was, left with
only two individuals—Richard
Meade and Jarob Jones, who went
on to finish fourth, Princess Anne,
with Goodwills, was already out of In the general Gympic disciplination and planes England teams.

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ship four years ago, Miss Hatherit, riding Harley, stopped in a
double during the show jumping,
when Britain was well in the lead.

Next April the selectors w
which Britain was well in the lead.

Russians.

This time: Monacle: a chestnut

Boxing

Proud's two-part career brings deserved contest

Although David Proud was well beaten by Jimmy Batten who, in turn, was well beaten by Patten who, in the turn, was well beaten by Patten who, in the Thomas for the British light middleweight champlonship, no one in boxing begrudged him his title attempt against the Welshman, Thomas, at Bletchley leisure centre, last night.

Proud, an accomplished commercial artist in his non-boxing hours, has a fine record stretching over two separate careers, divided by a four-year retirement because of susceptible hands. It could have been even better but for the fact that he also has a susceptible face. Some fighters cut and bruise more than others and Proud, to his cost, suffers more than most.

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Proud was unlucky last year to make a voluntary defence, Ironically, Thomas was then in the process of winning an eliminating series which eventually took him for the championship at the age of 29.

Hunsen's defence: Denmark's European welterweight champlon, loergen Hansen, will defend his nore than others and Proud, to the champions at Belgian challenger, his cost, suffers more than most.

of susceptible hands, it could have been even better but for the fact that he also has a susceptible face. Some fighters cut and bruise more than others and Proud, to his cost, suffers more than most. His record, before last night, was marred only by one draw in the first haif, and three defeats in good company in 11 fights, since he came back to the ring.

Thomas, holder of a British title for the second time, having

Gilbody seeks revenge

Nairobi, Dec 11.—George Gil-body, the English lightweight, will have the chance to avenge a defeat he suffered in the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton last year when he meets Patrick Waweru, of Karra in a ware and the of Kenya, in an amateur inter-national here tomorrow. Waweru

team. Irungi, the brother of Steve Muchold, a professional will meet Ray Gilbody. Also boxing for Kenya will be light welterweight Ali Athunani at light welterweight and Peter Wanyoike at welterweight. Both of Kenya, in an amateur international here tomorrow. Waweru
outpointed Gilbody on his way to
winning a silver medal.

Kenya, the leading amateur boxing nation in Africa, also have
the commonwealth flyweight
champion, Michael Irungi, in their

Wanyolke at welterweight. Som
the African champions. England's
team includes Vince Smith (lightheavyweight) a commonwealth
silver medal winner. The 11-bout
international is being held as part
the commonwealth flyweight
champion, Michael Irungi, in their

For the record

Maris beat R. Stockton (US), 7-5, 6-2; G. Meyer (US) beat C. Leicher, 6-3; B. Mitton (SA) beat R. Creaty, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; M. Mitchell (US) beat V. Else



Young Frazier maintains family tradition

Yokohama, Dec 11.-Marvis Frazier, son of the former world heaveyweight champion Joe Frazier, knocked out Daniel Goguen of Canada in a heavy-weight bout at the world junior amateur boxing championships here today. Frazier (19) of Philadelphia, put

the Canadian down with a short right to the face early in the second round to extend his un-beaten record to 41 contests. He had floored Goguen with a right hook in the first round.

He was one of three American first round winners today. Alfred Mayes, a light middleweight, beat Parujr Vardanian of the Soviet Union on points and a welter-weight, Milron McCrory, stopped Edward Miles of Scotland midway the sarcord round. through the second round.
England scored two wins.
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Welterweight Dudley McKenzle outpointed Tibor Moinar (Hungary) and Nick Wilshire stopped Japan's Shinii Seki in the first round of a middleweight boot.

A South Korean welterweight. Young Young-Tae, was disqualified after being warned three times for hitrag with open gloves and pushing his Japanese opponent, Ikid ing his Japanese opponent, ikid Oka.

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BAKERSFEILD California: WBC featherweight simination book: Ruben Casello (US) knothed out Janu Escobar (Mexica), eighth round.

Hockey

Kulbir's chance to impress

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain selectors have asked Kulbir Singh Bhaura, of Hounslow and Bliddleser, to Join their training party, bringing in their training party, bringing in their training party, bringing in their training weekend at Crystal Palace, starting on Priday, before the selected party of 16 leaves for Karachi to take part in the international rournament for the champion's trophy from Jamuary 3-11.

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Sunday will be chosen by Ian Ireland and ian McGinn, at Ireland and Ireland Ireland Ireland Ireland Irel

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Squash rackets

Miss Cogswell is too tidy for lively rival By Rex Bellamy

Squash Rackets Correspondent
For the third consecutive year,
Susan Cogswell, of Birmingham,
has won the British women's
national squash rackets championship, sponsored by Just Junce at
Chichester. She took 48 minutes to Chichester. She took 48 minutes to win £250 by beating Angela Smith, from Stoke-on-Trent. by 5-9, 10-9, 10-8, 9-4 in a boisterously exciting final on Monday evening. In both the second and third games, coincidentally, Aliss Smith. led 8-4 and had three game balls. She certainly had her chances. Aliss Cogswell hit outright winners on five of those six critical points. In each crisis desperation inspired her to produce a stream inspired her to produce a stream of bold, yet perfectly measured shots—whereas Miss Smith seemed to lose her sense of direction, as if more at ease in achieving authority than in exercising h. She played her best squash when it mattered least. Miss Cogswell did the opposite.

Miss Cogswell rook a deflected blow in the teeth in the second rally and turned a somerstant during traffic congestion in the third



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Rugby Union

Oxford's scrummaging power is decisive

Rugby Correspondent

As an exercise in the frenefic crivity anticipated at Twickenham n the second Tuesday in December, yesterday's University manh o doubt had something to compand it. But in other respects field so sadly short of expectation as to be rayed one of the corest games in the series that see can recall. Some miserable togethes to not accurately reflect. cortest games in the series that see can recall. Some miserable torelines do not accurately reflect the tim of play but this one, recisioning an honest victory for the tim of play but this one, recisioning an honest victory for the time of the time of play but this one, recisioning the time that the time of the time

light have been ready to make 20.

To Oxford, then, the handsome lowring Bowl, for the second time 2 three years. Essentially, they wed their pragmatic victory, which mudges them ahead of Camridge once more, by 43 wins, no 2, to some stannch if unspectaruser virtues. They outscrammaged heir opponents in the tight, as it was thought they might do. They icked their goals, which Camridge, except on one occasion, id not. Their fielding, notably hat of the full back Davis, safely ollected virtually everyfring that ambridge seemed ad naussum to oot in their direction. Their half acks kicked sensibly. Their sefence was always adequate in the rare occasions when Camridge, all too obviously, or with notifierent distribution, stied to reach it by running at them.

Oxford, moreover, won most of he rucks or manis that mattered, helr loose trio, with the big and overful Mallett preeminent at No, swarmed to the loose ball, and o must take much of the kudos or that.

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owever, a nasty irony was that
though their forwards were so
tally bearn at the strummage,
with the solid platform he meded,
nough possession was won in the
econd half—notably through Arkord at the lineout to build
omething creative in the backs.
I is, of course, unusual for the
all to reach an inside centre in



Ian Peck, the Cambridge captain, tries to launch his backs and for once he is free from the close attention of the Oxford loose forwards.

the opening exchanges of the University match, but on this occasion, the longer it all lasted, Rose at stand-off seemed more and more consumed by a determination to kick it. This, alas, he did with increasing lack of courtel. In the last quarter, when Cambridge supporters must have been shricking for the ball to be moved to their supposedly superior back division, they saw it done too ponderously or inaccurately in mid-field. The ever-willing Metcalfe trashed through hopefully, to receive the ball around his ear. The wings, Thornton and Tyler, must have wondered why they alle with increasing lack of comred.

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sliced another attempt not much more taxing.

In the second quarter, after Meusile had missed another kick, the Cambridge pack were in such straits in the fight—all credit to the Oxford captain, Enevoldson, and his front live—that they were apprehended by Mr Hose for collapsing a scrummage. Morgan's left boot produced three points

more from straight in front, sround the 22, and close on half-time, when Cambridge sinned at another ruck, Mallett thumped home a goel from just Inside the Cambridge half. It was only the second time this season that the Oxford No 8 had been invited by his captain to try his luck in this respect. his captain to try his luck in this respect.

"I thought", Enevoldson said afterwards, "that the only way Cambridge were going to score was through penalties. I don't think they deterved to win, playing the way they did." The losing captain, Peck, put a finger on Oxford's power in the scrummage and their speed to the breakdown.

"We decided", he added, "not to move the ball from winning limeours in the hope of setting up second phase, but teheir forwards always got there first."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: T. M. E. Davis (Inluminative of Western Australia and Sallioli: E. A. K. Quist-Arcton (Taumton and St Benet's), S. J. Halli-



Crash-scissors-ball? Rugby's lexicon is Greek to some

Multi-phrase possession

Chris Rea, a former Scotland and British Lions centre threequarter, has described second-phase possession in rathy as "that evil little phrase " and said that whoever thought it up should be condemned for eternity to the Cloresters until that whoever thought it up should be condemned for cermity to the Gloucester wing. Such phrases make an interesting study. Nobody is sure where they originate, but once in circulation they are on everybody's lips and pen-nibs.

Most of them have sprung up during the past 10 or 15 years. Second-phase possession is, I think, the oldest and commonest. It is the type of possession to which all teams aspire because it is supposed to produce more tries than any other. In their antempts to make assurance doubly sure, they even go as far as a third or fourth phase. The forwards barely havetime to disentangle themselves from one ruck before they have to plunge into another, all in the name of a theory. The theory is plausible enough, but there seems little point in insisting on it unless you perfect the practice first, which rarely happens. This insistence is one of the reasons why, to the chagrin of the idealists, penalty goals rather than tries contisue to decide most matches.

Front five is a more recent

By Gordon Allan

than tries contistue to decide most matches.

Front fire is a more recent phrase but scarcely less popular. Its precursor was the front row. At one time it was generally believed that matches were won and lost in the front row. Those who take binoculars to Twickenham as others take opera-glasses to Covert Garden glued them to props and hookers as a matter of course and read all kinds of

recondite meanings into the activities of those workers at the scrum face, as Norman Mair once called them. If one prop heaved his opponent into the air it was considered an event of farreaching significance. There was—still is—much debate about looseheads and tight-heads, even among people who, like me, can never remember which is which. However, the emphasis has now shifted from the front row to the front five. If the front five are all right, everything else, the experts say, falls into place. Mention the front five and your reputation as a technically knowledgeable region, man is executed.

reputation as a technically knowledgeable rugby man is secure,
just as, if you chatter about C
sharps and semi-quavers, you can
be mistaken for somebody with a
profound understanding of music.
There is no vogue yet for the back
three. But be patient. Sooner or
later the decisive influence they
exert will be recognized with a
shout of "Eureka!" and the
front five will be forced to take
a back scar. front five will be forced to take a back seat.

Then there is the case of the neglected lineout jumpers. Like many obvious things in life, they have been around a long time but apparently unnoticed. Now, in belated remorse, we are falling over one another to appreciate what they do. We have allotted them numbers, with specific responsibilities, and say that Black is second to none as a jumper at No 2 and White out of this world at No 4, and that if Gray plays to form at No 7

Gray plays to form at No 7 England will be in easy street.
Or what about crosh-ball?
There is a phrase to conjure with.

scissors ball. My eyes crossed when I first read that. It was supposed to convey something about rugby to me. Instead, being obtuse, I saw a vision of cars piling up in fog on the motor-way ludicrously superimposed on another vision of innumerable pairs of scissors snipping the laces of innumerable rugby balls.

Eventually I worked out what crash-xissors-ball meant—at least I think I did. But for much longer than I should have been, I was as mystified by the descrip-tion as the players doubtless were by the move. From good-ball, another piece of jargon by intelligible, to is a long way. to crash-scissors-ball

The central truth about the modern scientific approach to rugby, of which these phrases are the vocabulary, is that it has done northing for the game as a spectacle. Famous players of the past readily concede it is better organized now, but you rarely, if ever, here them say it is better

You can, in fact, organize your 15 men partil you and they are dizzy, but in the end if all comes back to the individual. Blend individual genius with a high ratio of collective skill, and organization justifies fiself brilliantly. Witness Wales for the past decade, the Lions in New Zealand in 1971, London Welsh in the Dawes era, or Cambridge University three or four years ago. But no amount of organization to the umpreenth phase of possession and the last crash-ball (with or without scissors), can leave mediocrity anything but mediocre.

Ballsbridge brightens up

Bidding was brisker on the second day of the Ballsbridge Tortersalls December Sale in Dublin. There was a keen demand for good quality foals with the top price by late afternoon 9,400 guineas paid by Jack Doyle, a bloodstock agent, for Mr Rory O'Loghlen's filly foal by Manado out of the winning Florescence mare Light Diamond, the dam of two winners.

The grand dam, Diamond Brooch, bred four winners, in-Brooch, bred four winters, including Le Vingt-Huit, winner of the William Hill Champion Sprint Handicap at Epsom. The third dam, Cameo, was a winner and bred nine winners including Raffingora, a top sprinter, who established a record of 53.89 sec over five furlongs at Epsom when carrying 10 st.

The youngster is also related to many other good winners here and including Stree Singer, Capistrano and the Italian 1,000 guineas winner, Alzzurrina. Also by Manado a filly foal out of the Mourne mare, Great Aunt II, a winner in America, was sent up from Meadagh Stud and was hought by a cash customer for bought by a cash customer for 5,400 guineas. Jerry Roban's coit foal by He

Loves Me out of the Guif Pearl Loves Me out of the Guif Pearl mare, Little Angel, dam of two winners, was bought by the Kildare trainer, Ruby Welsh, for 8.800 guineas, Mr D. Weld paid 8,000 guineas for a colt foal by Rarity out of Gem of Gems and Tony Watkins, the accountant at the Moyglare Stud, paid 7,200 guineas for a colt foal by Welsh Saint out of Singing in the Sun.

Rugby League

Regan on road from Wigan

Wigan have transfer-listed Dave Wigan have transfer-listed Dava Regan, their powerful prop forward, at £10,000. Formerly with Orrell, a Rugby Union club, he says he will not play for Wigan again after being sent on late as a substitute in last week's game against Bradford Northern. He feels he has not been given a chance.

The club have appointed Wilf. Smith, a former St Helens halfback, as assistant coach in succession to David Willicome, a former Welsh international ceptre, who resigned last week.

Horton resigns

Toulouse, Dec 11.—The English rugby international, Nigel Horton, said today he had resigned from his French club, Stade Toulousain.

Olympic Games

Council may call for Britain to be excluded

Yaounde, Dec 11.—The Sporeme council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) iss begun a series of meetings which could result in a rail for Iritain to be excluded from the 980 Olympic Games in Moscow. The council's executive committee marted three days of meetings on donday before the General Assembly, from December 14 to

The SCSA has said that Britain's comtinued fraternisation with spartheid spore "--it's porting links with South Africa-vill be a major frem on the gends. The council feets that if he British Lions rugby team goes head with a rour of South Africa ext year, this will be " the last traw Another important topic at the needing will be the identity of the ext secretary general. Jean-Clande sanga of the Congo. has been correstly general for the past 13 ears, but this year there has been campaign to toppie him.

World champions absent

Melbourne. Det 11.—Preparations for the fourth world bowls championship here next month are nearly complete but the champion nation will be absent from the tournament. South Africa will not be able to defend their title, as the Australian government has refused their players visus because of their country's policy of apartheid.

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The last South African sports the compensation matches after the party admitted to Australia were championships.—Renter.

the rugby union Springboks in 1971. That four ended in chaos amid the wrath of anti-apartheld demonstrators. Had South Africa been admitted to the world bowls

Racing

Jockey Club try to do away

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Fighting Fit to be trained for Gold Cup

With red tape

The Jockey Club have formed a working party to look at ways of reducing the amount of reducing the amount of reducing the sport's speciator appeal. This was revealed at the Gimcrack dinner in York by the Senior Steward, Captain John Macdonaid-Buchanan.

Captain Macdonaid-Buchanan said that they had a big part to play in selling the sport to the public, and himsel that some aspects of racing's administration might be changed if necessary. "I know that our rules are sometimes thought to be unnecessarily restrictive or inhibiting, particularly to the more emrepreneureal amongst cierks of course", he said.

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to me yesterday, Fighting Fit's trainers, Ken and Rhona Oliver, told me that they were of the opinion that after his fine performance in the Hennessy, Fighting Fit would now have too much on his plate in the handicap and thus with the state of the handicap and the state of on his plate in the hamiltap and runt with clouds of uncertainty hanging over so many of his potential rivals there could be no better moment to make a strike at the Gold Cup.

Folled in 1972, Fighting Fit will be eight part March and for

Fooled in 1972, Figning Fit will be eight next March and for a steeplechaser that is just about his prime. Furthermore, Fighting Fit will stay three miles and a quarter at Cheltenham without flinching, as he proved at Ayr last spring when he won the Scottish Grand National and again at Newhore last month.

Grand National and again at Newbury last month.

The Olivers definitely rule out the Grand National next year as far as Fighting Fit is concerned, but they say that they have a live hope for the big race at Aintree in Rambling Jack, who is back in fast work again after an injury not only near the end of his career but his life in the summer.

"They were going to shoot him after he had become entangled with barbed wire and severed a tendon, but I begged them not to

know". the Benigm Bishop, as Oliver is affectionately known in racing circles, thundered on. Such is the twinkle in his eye and the passion in his voice when he speaks that his enthusiasm is infectious. Oliver describes Rambling Jack as the best horse that he has ever mined.

Jack as the best horse that he has ever trained.

Mesnwhile three of the horses that Fighting Fit could expect to meet at Cheltenham in March will be on view at Ascot on Saturday. Fred Winter has declared Midnight Court for the Long Walk hurdle in which his fitness and his enthusiasm can be tested to the full by King Neptune, the Irish challenger, Mountrivers and John Cherry.

Cherry.
Grand Canyon and Gaffer are two of only eight who have stood their ground for the S. G. B. Handicap Steeplechase. Both have

STATE OF GOING (official): South-well, heavy (inspection 7.30 am.; Workester, soft (inspection 7.15 am.; Tomorrow; Carlisle, heavy (inspection 11 am.; Ulloxeter, soft.

Rain puts three meetings in jeopardy

Prospects look bleak for racing today after the news that early at both Southwell and Worcester. Southwell's clerk of the course. Pat Firth, said: "There is water on some parts of the course and the going is heavy. Racing could be possible provided we have a dry night and morning. There will be an inspection at 7.30 am.".

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There will be a 7.15 inspection at Worcester. Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said: "Due to the large amount of rain the clerk of the course, said: "Due to the large amount of rain the level of the River Severa is rising an inch every hour, and if this continues we could have partial flooding of the track. At the moment the going is soft."

An inspection has also been called at Carlisle at 11 am today to determine the fate of tomorrow's card. Kit Paterson, the clerk of the course, said: "The course is very wet and prospects must be doubtful. We need some really dry weather."

Flumpton off: the Plumpton meeting yesterday was abandoned

meeting yesterday was abandoned because of heavy overnight rain.

Stenmark's finely judged performance

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, lec 11.—Ingemar Stemmark, of iweden, won the first slalom of the men's world cup skiing season oday with a finely judged performance in difficult conditions. Stenmark, lying third after the rst leg, kept his head in the could while others lost theirs, irst leg, kept his head in the accord while others lost theirs, and won with a combined time of 1min 37.20secs. Steamark's accord followed his success in he opening world cup giant lalom in Vai d'Isère on Saturday. The early leader Peter Popantelov, of Bulgaria, was poised to flash home for victory today when he slipped at the tricky thicate eight gates from home. I could see there were going to be problems at that chicane, so I

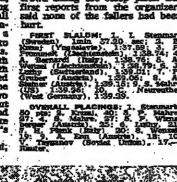
braked a couple of gates before and got through", Stemmark said.

Bojan Krizaj, of Yugosiavia, could not improve his morning time but held second place overall with 1 min 37.59secs Paul Frommelt, of Lischtenstein, clipped a second off his morning time to take third place in imin 38.74secs.

No snow has fallen in this north Italian resort for over a month and the organizers were obliged to lay said and chemicals on the 450 metres piste between the two legs to keep it in trim. But driving rain, low visibility, and the need to attack the 65-gate course caused most of today's spills.

A local hero Gustavo Thoeni,









Worcester programme

12.30 YOUNG CHASE (Div I: Novices: 5900: 2m) G. Thorner
C. Brown
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Mr G. Ree
Jones
F N. Oliver
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Commander General, T. Marshall, 7-11-T.
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Cambing Prince, Mrs G. Jones, 6-11-7.
Lager Boy, A. Jones, 6-11-7.
Jungson HM, D. Scudamore, 6-11-7.
Salty Pubheen, P. Sheppard, 9-11-7.
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Swatter, B. Key, 11-11-7.
Textras, T. Forster, 7-11-7.
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Morgan's Monty, E. Courage, 4-10-10. 3-1 Textron- 100-30 Commander General, 4-1 Gambling 1.0 RUSHOCK HURDLE (Div I : 3-y-o novices : £430 : 2m) Brock HUL, C. B. Price: 10-10
Chanca Rischt, W. Musson, 10-10
Clee Laine; I. Dudgeon, 10-10
June Rose, Mrs N. Kennedy, 10-10
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Lay Over Bine, A. Jarvis, 10-1
Develas, S. Harris, 10-10
Persias, S. Harris, 10-10
Russkii, F. Walwyn, 10-10

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Arctic Five E. Warren. 5-10-1

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Politics of poverty: options for change in the social services

When Professor David Donnison resigns next September as chairman of the documed Supple-mentary Benefits Commission, he will leave behind a blossoming garden that he has care-fully cultivated on the terrace outside his office. Whether the ideas he has contributed to the social security debate will flourish as well as the roses, clematis, honeysuckle and heather, remains to be seen.

He has succeeded in persuading the Government of two crucial issues: that the secret rules governing entitlement to benefit must be published so that the system is much more open and much less subject to discretion; and that families with children are the most hard-pressed group of claimants and should be given more help.

there are no signs that the Government But there are no signs that the Government is taking any steps to reduce the enormous numbers of people depending on supplementary benefit—now nearly a tenth of the population. Nor is there any hope that the long term unemployed will receive more help, although Domison has consistently demonstrated that their cash help, now at 25 per cent less than is available to all other claimants, amounts to unfair discrimination. But his biggest disappointment over the whole social security field is that the value of child benefits is being evoided, despite the widespread recognition that they are the most effective means of helping poor families.

"I still wonder whether the whole five years is going to make any difference to claimants", he says. "Was it worth it? There is no doubt that there are going to be changes in the law, but more important changes may be not to do with the law but matters of style."

Donnison was the first commission chairman to make it his business to visit claimants and talk to staff in local offices once a month, a

bureaucracy and ministerial meetings. It is a style he believes must be followed by the new Social Security Advisory Committee, which will succeed the SBC when the Social Security Bill

becomes law next year.

Donnison is 53, industrious and meticulous he will not open a letter unless he has a letter opener to hand. He came late to the social security field because when he joined the sectify held because when the London School of Economics in 1956, the "best experts"—Richard Titmus, Brian Abel-Smith, Peter Townsend and Tony Lynes, were already.

He concentrated instead on housing and planning, to which he will be returning next year when he goes to Glasgow University. He has maintained his interest throughout his time at the SBC by working one day a week for the Centre for Environmental Studies, which he directed for six years. His work there will be marked next month by a new book, The Good City, which will look at the relationship between urban development and the labour

His departure for Glasgow had been planned His departure for Glasgow had been planned before it became clear that the Government intends to abolish the SBC next year, mainly because Donnison feels it is time to move on. He is not disappointed by the closure of the SBC: he had questioned its future in the 1977 annual report and again in the commission's response to the departmental review of the supplementary benefits scheme, some of whose recommendations will be implemented in the Rill.

His reservations focus on what powers the new body will have. It is vital, in Donnison's view, that it has a job substantive enough to

style of working he sees as vital to keeping in give it access to the bureaucracy locally and touch with the real world outside headquarters in pationally. Its chairman must be able to speak nationally. Its chairman must be able to speak with authority by having access to ministers and their thoughts on policy options, and by being able to walk into any local office and speak to staff without seeking permission first."

Nobody can be sire that the new commutee.

will have a sufficient role to get to the machine." Donnison says. "Unless it adopts the style of the SBC it will not work."

Donnison will be writing at least one book on his experiences at the SBC. It will be called The Politics of Poverty and as well as offering analytical material, will attempt to describe some of the people drawing benefit whom he

has met.

Two candidates for the latter part of the book will be the elderly widow, forced most reluctantly to claim benefit because of an abnormally large electricity bill, and a men in his fifties thrown out of work after many years because the owner of the factory decided to close it down when he retired. The many transfer of the factory decided to close it down the retired.

to close it down when he retried. The man was given 14 days' notice, an example, in Donnison's view of the "barbarity of small scale capitalism".

"That man has no chance of getting another job at his age in an area of high unemployment," Donnison says. "It is an appalling way to treat lebour. It would be unthinkable in larger where appropriate have an obligation in Japan where employers have an obligation to their workers."

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Although a political animal, Donnison rarely makes party points. He is a member of both the Fabian Society and the Labour Party, but is scentical of all parties. "The truth about basic social problems is equally embarrassing to all parties," he says. "Things rarely work out the way politicians think."

Nevertheless, he believes that the poverty lobby must strive to get its members into local

political parties of all persuasions if it is to-have any success in the future. The middle-class London dominated academics who led the movement in the 1960s and 1970s are no

the movement in the 1960s and 1970s are no longer so effective, he believes because the political climate has divinged.

"They can no longer assume that ministers will have a guilty conscience about powerty, or that the media and the electrorate will be broadly on their side when they draw attention to it." he says. "It is understood by ministers, as it used not to be, that they are not leaders of an army. The spokesman of the poverty lobby have no troops behind them, and they are only going to be heard if they are hetter informed, offer better solutions, and have a better grasp of what is happening in the field."

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Donnison is leaving the SBC having done more than any other individual to open up the debate about social security and the options for change. Without his annual reports, it is doubtful that there would have been any review of the supplementary benefits scheme until the strain of increasing numbers had led to a progressive breakdown of the service. Having won a breathing space for a comprehensive and considered review of the system. his view of the role of the successor body has authority.

authority.

It must, be says, be prepared to raise its own questions, and not deal only with those posed to it by ministers. It must have eccess to ministers and have the right to make independent reports, particularly annual reports to Parliament on the whole operation of the social security system. That would make it a worthy successor to Donnison's SBC.

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MUDDLE AGE SPREAD

Traditions that deny jobs to blacks

A senior civil servant recently denied there was any racial discrimination in the civil service. The Department of the Environment is fully multi-racial", he said. "It becomes multi-racial at 6.30 pm when the

Employers can no longer exercise blatant discrimination and advertise for whites only. That has been outlawed by two Race Relations Acts. Bot black workers are still excluded from certain industries and denied gromotion in others. Trade unions could be a powerful

force in securing better opportunities for black workers yet most have chosen to ignore the subject and some shop stewards have cooperated with supervisors to ensure that blacks

Many unions have started energetic campaigns to combet racialism among their members through union leafets and the rapid removal of racialist slogans from factory wells. They have not embraced equal opportunity policies with the same vigour, how-

Nor, until recently, did the TUC give them a strong lend. Until 1975, race relations were dealt with by the TUC's international committee, which tried its best to sweep the subject under the carpet. It steadfastly opposed the extension of the 1965 Race Relations Act to employment opportunities clause into the contracts

government suppliers. In 1975, however, the TUC organi tion committee took over responsi-kty for race relations, an equal rights committee was set up and the ILIC produced its own model equal opportunities clause for trade unions o include in all national agreements. But the strong lead and not produce vigorous response. Four years free the clause was drawn up, a UC survey revealed that only 17 out of 105 unions had persuaded their employers to include it in any col-lective agreement. Nor is there any evidence that where adopted, the clause has been

union has made any serious attempt to monitor its effects to see whether has led to more blacks being ruited. None has made a conrecruited. sistent effort to persuade employers to record how many blacks apply for jobs and how many are taken on

It is not necessary to claim that this shows some sinister racialist bias on the part of trade unions. The main reason is undoubtedly the unions traditional distike of records being kept by employers for any purpose. The idea that a person's ethnic origins should be kept in compapy records is enough to turn some unionists purple.

Yet without monitoring it is hard to see the point of the equal opportunities clause. Mr William (Bill) Keys, general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Soger) and chairman of the TUC's Equal Rights Committee, believes that without it "you cannot get any-

His committee is spllt down the middle on the subject and has beer for several years which has stopped the TUC taking a strong line on the subject. But partly through Mr Keys's persuasion they have now decided to stop opposing it. When the Commission for Racial Equality recently produced a draft code of practice for employers, which recom-mended monitoring, the committee likely to be a long time, however, before the trade union movement becomes anything more than lukewarm on the subject.

Not only have few unions taken Not only have few unions taken up the equal opportunities clause and none consistently monitored its, effects, but some unionists at a local level have positively discouraged the employment of black workers. They have pandered to the desires of some members to keep blacks out.

Two such alleged cases are being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equality, but they could represent just the tip of the iceberg.

The first concerns British Leyland's Castle Bromwich plant where a West

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Indian was refused a job as a fitter safter a meeting of the all-white fitters' section passed a motion saying they would not have any black workers in their section. The Amelgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the union involved, is also carrying out

The second case concerns the National Union of Bleachers and Dyers, and the Halifax area textile firm of Boudina Limited. Under a labour supply agreement, the union was responsible for providing the firm with workers and it is alleged by two former convenors at the firm that the union branch secretary never sent any Asian workers in case the firm's white workforce resented them, despite high unemployment among Asian textile workers.

In both cases the allegations suggest an unboly alliance between union and company representatives.

A large number of such informal agreements have been unearthed by the Loodon Business School's Minorthe Louisin business School's Minority Groups Case Study Project, per-icularly in the engineering and car industry. Mr John Brock, manager of the project, says they are particu-larly difficult to tackle because fre-quently the top union officials and higher management are management of management are unaware of

Such practices constitute direct discrimination under the Race Rela-tions Act -1976 and most employers and unions, even if they indulge in them, know they are illegal. Some unions, however, might be breaking the law unknowingly through such traditional practices at father to some

It seems almost certain that this type of recruitment, which has been particularly common in the docks and printing industry, constitutes indirect discrimination and is equally illegal. The Act says that no condition shall be laid down which it is harder for one racial group to comply with than another. To enter the printing industry, it is usually required to have a relative already in it, a condition which is easier for

considers father to son recruitment illegal but seems frightened to take on any of the unions which practice it, not least perhaps because of the block of the perhaps because of the block of the perhaps because of the block of

it not least perhaps because of the blacklash that might result.

The attitude of some trade unionists within the industry can be seen clearly in the words of one member of the Central London branch committee of Sogat. The commission should think very carefully before stepping in. If something has been happening for 150 to 200 years, as father to son recruitment has been, it is going to go on happening, no

matter what laws are passed. We proved that with the Industrial Relations Act and the Pentonville Five."
Although father to son retruitment is most commonly associated with the printing industry and the docks, it has also been prevalent in Certain areas of the terrile industry.

Mr Keys, who is also a member of the CRE, thinks that the commission will have to tackle this problem eventually. "Father to son recruitment can be considered indirect discontinuation."

ment can be considered indirect dis-crimination. It can be nothing else". Feeling within the Indian Work-ers Association, Great Britain, is that many white shop stewards make no attempt to discover the grievances of their Asian hiembers or to present their point of view. The association maintains that there is also a greater reductation to make a dispute efficial relucizates to make a dispute official when it involves a large number of

The classic case it cites is that of the Mansfield Rosley Mills dispute in Loughborough in 1972 in which the National Union of Hoslery and Knir-west Workers refused to back 200-Asians who went on strike for equal Asians who went on strike for equal access to the better-paid knitting jobs.

but it can point to others.

The relevance of the British trade the relevance of the British rade unions for Asian workers increased during the Grutwick strike of 1977 when the Association of Professional, Executive, Elerical and Computer Staff (Apex) fought long and bard for a small group of Asian workers, but widespread feelings of suspicion and distrust capitot be swept away by one union in one dispute.

Mr Vishnu Sharme, president of the Indian Workers Association (Southell) thinks that important advances have been made within the TUC and ther many unions have passed strong motions on the subject of race at their annual conferences.

"But there is no doubt that to pass a conference resolution is one thing and to put such a resolution into action is another." He claims that action is another." He claims that unions have done little to advance the promotion prospects of their black members in unskilled jobs

Night shift workers in the testile and car industry, a very high propor-tion of whom are Asian, are frequently left without any trade union representation at all. They cannot go to branch meetings because they are held in the evenings, the shop snewards are normally on day shifts and the district officials usually work office hours.

Where the will exists, there is a reat deal that a union can do to

In the West Midlands; for example In the West Midlands, for example, a pilot course in basic trade unionism in Punjabi was started last year by the TUC with 18 attending. It was so successful that three more courses started in the spring, while in Mandilester, on organization Called Dadg. Union Basic Education Studies provides material for similar courses throughout the North West.

To make their members more effective trade innimists and to effective, trade inimites and to improve their prospects, gade information can campaign for employers to provide English language concess. The TGWU shop stewards at Ford's Dagenhain plant led the way in this area by campaigning for Ford's to provide such classes at entry at 1974. Trade unions could also educate their shop stewards about race relations. The TUC introduced a section on race into its basic shop stewards course two years ago for the industrial tupors were not adequately threfed and it was not a success. Now, only the advanced shop stewards only the advanced shop stewards course carries such a section.

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artist set out on a career that was to lead her to become a national by word : the creator of "kiddywinks" and a memorialist of the lost age of the clocks but and afternoon tea

at the Cadena.

Mabel: Lucie did not light immediately on kiddywinks, however. Having rejected still lifes and classic copying she modelled her style on the popular magazine illustration of the turn of the century and her earliest book covers partake of the dilute art nouvean of Helen Buruside and Hilda Cowham. (I have seen a strange senti-Burnside and Hilda Cowham.

(I have seen a strange sensimental little manuscript picturestory which she did when she
was still calling herself "M.
Attwell". The drawing is pure
Cowham, but the script is already that bulgy block lettering
that became one of Mabel
Lucie's hellmarks).

Indeed, if one looks at the
books of her prentice years—
the stories by May Baldwin,
which she illustrated in black
and white for Chambers's, of

and white for Chambers's, of Edinburgh, the rare Mother Goose board book of about 1910, the Alice in Wonderland of 1914 -one could compile an anthology of effects derived from successful illustrators of the time: tall-hatted old ladies from John Hassell, decorations from Charles Robinson, and chubby children from his brother W. Heath in the days before contraptions became all the rage. - And of course it was those chubby children who cried out to the public's hopeful, but missuided notion that babies were bundles of droll inno-cence. Round about 1911 Mabel

Lucie Attwell began to submit

drawings for postcards to the Dundee firm of Valentine's and



Mabel Lucie Attwell, by her daughter.

made that Mabel Lucie was able to exploit it in a way that took her into every corner of family life. (And not just the

("Them laundries!" says a quota for Valentine's right up saxy little lady, dressed only in a shrunk and raggety shift.)

So sucressful the same shift.) were joined during the tweeties and thirties by a host of goods that sported kiddywinks of all kinds above the distinctive Mabel Lucie Artwell block the Attwell ginmick emerged. It was a simple procedure. You painted an idealized baby— cess Margaret Rose chose an bright-eyed, bedimpled and bequiffed—and your attached a mas cord in 1937.) Cards terbeautifed and tainly remained a staple pro-

posters—"Did you come by Underground?" says a Hassallish lady to a group of creatures on behalf of London Transport.

Like Enid Blyton, whom she intermittently resembles, Mabel Lucie Attwell was a demon for work and did produce most of her thousands of designs her self. (The chief exception, apparently, was when she was a representation of her work and representation of the chief exception, apparently, was when she was sent. (The chief exception, apparently, was when she was helped by her husband, Harold Earnshaw. He too was an illustrator, and after losing his right arm in the First World War he taught himself to draw left broaded and is widen. left-banded and is said to have been responsible for some of the less Attwellish parts of Att-well pictures, like real dogs as opposed to moon-faced pup-pies.)

There was a cheerful, if cavaller economy at work in the use of much of this material. A postcard girlie with a hot water bottle captioned "Wor a Fing to go to bed Wif" also served for the cover of a booklet of "Comforting Thoughts", while many stories and drawings cropped up in different versions in the welter of Lucie Attwell annuals and story books.

For this reason alone the chief focus for judging her place as an artist (as distinct from a social phenomenon) must surely social phenomenon) must surely rest on the illustrations which she did for specific texts—mostly the gift book editions issued by the firm of Raphael Tuck. But when one looks at these it is difficult to see much beyond a surrender to the soccess of her own mannerisms. By far the most interesting work that she did was for the early books, however deriva-tive, and, as chubbiness took over, so she distanced herself more and more from the quality of her classic texts: Andersen, Grimm, The Water Babies.

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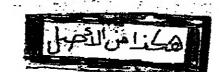
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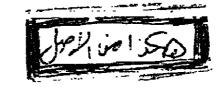
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The art of finding English for Ibsen

Exactly ten years ago Christopher Hampton was appointed Resident Dramatist at the Royal Court in Sloane Square. Any moment someone is likely to dub him Resident Translator at the National Theatre. He has turned two Horvath plays into English for the National. Tales from the Vienna Woods and Don Juan goes to War. Vienna Woods was successful enough to make Maximilian Schell, who started in the play on the South Bank, look to Hampton first for the screen adaptation when he decided to film it. Tomorrow. Sir Peter Hall's "-concrete bunker " makes its third excursion into Ibsen-Borkman on transfer was the first and Brand the other-when The Wild Duck opens at the Olivier, translation by Christopher Hampton.

Hampton fell into the translation business almost by accident. Robert Kidd was directing Isaac Babel's play Marya at the Royal Court and he called in Christopher Hampton to make the text a little more maiicable.

"The version Robert had was perfectly readable, but it wasn't speakable. So I started work with one of the two translators. I remember being asked where I remember being asked where I lived and replying quickly 'Oxford'; I was careful not to say that I was there as an undergraduate. Peter Gill prowided the next step: he was preparing Hedda Gabler with Irene Worth in the title part. and when the translation he commissioned didn't arrive he turned to me."

For Hedda Christopher Hamp-ton used the conventional method of working from a literal translation and turning to a collaborator for help on the numers and doubles entendres in the text. On The Wild Duck, his fourth Ibsen adaptation, he has worked direct from the Norwegian, but still has that word-for-word version and a Norwe-glan speaker by his side.

"The Duck has proved by far the most difficult of the four and I think it will be the last play by Ibsen I will tackle. It's my favourite among his plays, but it's exceedingly difficult to hit the exact tone, that mixture the realistic and the symbolic. My starting point was to find the exact English equivu-lent of a number of key words, almost thematic words, that occur throughout the play. They provided the basis for the first version, which I prepared over a six-month period interspersed with other things. The director, Christopher Moraban, then came in and we did a rewrite together. Since then apart from cutting the text and tightening it — The Wild Duck is a long play — we've changed very little. That's in total contrast

to my collaboration with Max Schell on Vienna Woods where we were akering and adjusting right up to the very last minute. Not very popular with some of the actors, that ". In the third line of the play Pettersen, the servant of Gregers Werle, says "Buggered if I know" in the Hampton ver-

sion. Is this a device to make the audience realize they are listening to something new? "No. But that example does throw up one of the problems of translating losen. I'm open

to correction, but my Norwegian colleagues assure me that there are no obscenities in their everyday language; if people everyday language; if people want to express themselves forcefully then they do it by a series of carefully graded references to God and the Devil. So we have to find their English equivalent. The most acute difficulty of all is in the final line of the play, spoken by Relling. The wording in the original is still strong enough to make elderly ladies blench as the curtain comes down. Some translators, I'm told.

Some translators, I'm told, leave it our altogether. We're still wrestling with it."

Is Christopher Hampton tempted to see what others have done when he starts a translation?

"Not any longer. Naturally, I have memories of the English versions I read when I was at school, and when I was tackling Hedda and Uncle Vanya I used Archer and Garnett respec-tively. But it's a dangerous prac-tice: you might come across a particularly stunning line and be unable to get it out of your mind; you might find a transla-tion so plausible and excellent that you feel your own efforts will be no good." So will we see a new play at the Ollvier tomorrow?

"No. But it's a question of terminology. It's not a translation: I'm not a Norwegian scholar. It's not an adaptation: it's faithful to the original. The most encouraging reaction I could bear would be for someone to say, 'It seems like a new play'."

Anyone looking at Hampton's collected works is likely to note that, as the number of transla-tions has grown, the output of original plays has diminished. So is the prolific Hampton of When did you last see my Mother? and Savages chang-

'It's true that I haven't written a new play since Treats, although I'm working on one at the moment. Rather it's a matter of channelling one's energies in other directions. The translations have been useful in filling in the arid periods, but at the moment my main in

"I've done a four-part adapta-tion of Malcolm Bradbury's novel The History Man, which is about to go into production at the BBC, and for the past year I've been writing a film about Dors Carrington, using Michael Holroyd's Strackey biography as my starting point. I've also managed to lay my hands on the complete Carrington correspondence thanks to Michael.

"And there are more translations. I was offered Marivaux, but I think he is outside my scope. Buxton asked me to make an English version of Berlioz's Béatrice et Bénédict for next year's festival, but there isn't time to fit that in. There are certain writers I would not touch, Pirandello and Nestroy among them. So for the moment it's back to Horvath and Italianische Nacht, which is about a greedy Bayarian inn-keeper in 1929 who wants to let out rooms simultaneously to the Nazis and a left-wing party And there's another Horvath play about the Munich Oktoberfest, which Max Schell and the National are interested in. The Translator in Residence tag will not be easy to shake

John Higgins

London debuts

was a 24-year-old American zuitarist, John Holmquist, whose playing no less than his programme testified to his belief in his instrument as a serious music-maker. True, his chosen novelty, Daniel Sturm's Three Bagatelles (1979), teetered uncertainly and insignificantly between neo-romantic lyricism and parody of Bach. But in Each's own second lute suite and Couperin's "Tom-beau de M. Blancrocher" tuere was again much to enjoy in Mr Holmquist's sensitivity and poise, his mellow tone and in-telligently musical use of

Newcomers to the south, though not the north, of England as a clariner and piano duo, John Fuest and Stephanic Bamford could first be welcomed for an engaging bill-of-fare including the London premieres of Stephen Pratt's atmospheric yet shapely A Winter's Fancy and Koechlin's succinct, neo-classical accond sonata. Mr Fuest relished escape from his Liverpool orchestral desk, spicing his cont-Newcomers to the south, chestral desk, spicing his controlled agility with pungent attack and a wide dynamic range in the new works and also in Weber's Grand Duo Concertant, Debussy's Rhapso-die No 1 and miniatures by Schomann, Reger and Lutos lawski, too.

companied sonata by Shin-Ichiro Ikebe, most memorable for its reflective finale. None of the week's visitors could boast a sturdier tech-nique than the German pianist nique than the German prants?
Robert Leonardy. Though 'a rival recital prevented me from hearing his Couperin and Ravel, there was ample evidence of uncommonly even, fluent fingers in a Fantasia' and Fugue (a fugal tour de jorce) by Bach offered as first encore, while wrists and arms. encore, while wrists and arms came into their own in the course of Mendelssohn's Variations Sérieuses.

The Japanese violiniste Hiroshi Okouchi could also boast considerable experience

chamber music as well as solo-

fields. If not a spontaneously bird-like, lyrical charmer, he had enough firm-edged

strength of tone and command of bow and fingers to carry, him through Bartok's long, demanding first sonata with real aplomb. John Blakely was

a courageously emphatic, all-conquering keyboard partner,

Innuendo sometimes emerged ton explicit in Debussy's Sonata, and Brahms's No 2 would have benefited from-

more personal phrasing. But these were also broadly des-patched, as was a new unac-

Joan Chissell

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Stanley Sadie

Few orchestras manage to sound bad in the generous acoustics of St John's, Smith Square, and some sound really luscious. The English Chamber Orchestra, boldly setting aside current boldly setting asside current theories about the proper sound for baroque music, offered plenty of nourishment to the hungry ear in Monday night's concert. Their programme was mainly of Bach; and one rarely hears his polyphony so fulsome. Bur there were times when But there were times when one could hardly hear it at all.

The trouble with such under-articulated playing is that the rich sound becomes richer, and the poor, poorer. Any imbalance in the music is accentuated. And Brandenburg Concern No 3, is, when you come to listen to it, an extraordinarily oddly balanced piece.

Bach, his mind set on symmetry—and, it is only fair to say, his ear set on timbres quite different from ours—

the three not in unison, and mostly they have the bass and the harpsichord with them, too,

while the violins and violas are
often independent.

In a performance like this,
the bass line booms forth, supporting the body like a foundation garment of sprung steel. tion garment of spring steel.

Some unusual things were happening above, too. In particular,
the players often supplemented
Bach's dynamic indications,
thereby supplying a new touch
of refinement. The hush ar the
climactic final ritornella was
particularly remarkable.

Brandenburg No 5, though it was not a very polished performance, was more enjoyable. William Bennett phrased sweetly on the flure, and Josef. Fröhlich was the attentive violin soloist; Nicholas Kraemerat the harpsichord played with character, and carried off the character, and carried out the big cadenza with style, lacking: only a high of rhetoric at the end. Earlier Mr Fröhlich had partnered the eloquent Neil Black in the violin and oboe concerto. We also had, as a change from Corell, the Christmas Concerto of Manfredinit less characterful music, and things did not so quite smoothly guite different from oursescored it for three violins, three violes and three cellos, with violone (double bass) and harpsichord. He was extravagant with his cellos: only for folky Italian piffari and campive bars in the entire work are

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions



Welsh National Opera opened their London season at the Dominion last night with Janacek's The Makropoulos Case. Elisabeth Söderström returned as Emilia Marty, the role she sang in Britain for the first time on the opening night of the production in Cardiff. Here she is seen with Thomas Hemsley and Helen Field.

Abstraction at the Tate

Early in the New Year the Tate Gallery will be presenting Abstraction: Towards a New Art. This study of the development of abstraction in its early years, between about 1908 and years, between about 1908 and 1921, will mainly be set around three artists, Kandinsky, Mondrian and Malevich. Other artists whose work will be on show include Robert Delaunay, Frantisek Kupka, Picasso, Brathantisek Kupka, Picasso, Brathantisek, Kupka, Picasso, Pi rranuser k.opka, Picasso, Braque and Léger. Futurists from Italy, Vorticists from England Dadaists from Switzerland will be among the groups represented in the exhibition, which runs from February 6 to April 13 April 13.

April 15.

Starting on April 16, the Tare will be showing work by Marcel Broodthaers, including pieces using eggshells, bottles and boxes as well as painting on canvas and photographs. In May it will be staging an exhibition by the Spanish surrealist Salvador Dall.

A series of Irish visual arts

A series of Irish visual arts exhibitions will be presented in London during February and March next year as part of the festival A Sense of Ireland. The Delighted Eye, showing the present of the property of the present the present the present the present of the present the native influence on modern Irish art and sculpture, will be

Irish art and sculpture, will be at the 52 Earlham Street Gallery, while The International Connection, showing the metropolitan influence, will be at the Round House Gallery.

Theo Waddington will be showing drawings and watercolours by Jack B. Years, and the Annely Juda Gallery will have new work by the abstract painter Patrick Scott.

Musgrave's spirit of Christmas present

It is strange that Dickens's perennial favourite story, A Christmus Carol, has not attracted more opera composers, for it is made to order for music. When Thea Musgrave was asked by the Virginia Opera
Association (whose conductor
and general director is her
husband, Peter Mark) for a
seasonal work, she produced an opera on the subject. Its world premiere in Norfolk, Virginia, became the occasion almost of a civic celebration, and it is gratifying to report that the opera presented warrants the huzzahs it received, and may well become a Christmas fixture.

Musgrave's opera is in two ects and 13 scenes, lasting just under two hours of music. She has craftily constructed the story (to her own adaptation of Dickens) so that the action is continuous, and the produc-tion can be done with a mininum of 12 singers (all but Scrooge doubling roles) and 15 instruments, with of course mstruments, with of course optioned extras (such as a final children's chorus). The Virginia Opera production increased the string complement. Musgrave has made certain changes in Dickens's story. The three Christmas ghosts are mimed, by a single mute dancer. The opera ends, not as

the story on the day after Christmas, but with Scrooge at his nephew Fred's Christmas party, thus ensuring a grand choral upbear finale: in order to do this, she moves Scrooge's scene with Cratchit (when he raises his salary and implicitly begs his forgiveness) to before the party Scrooge runs. She also, for "operatic" purposes. enlarges certain other scenes, notably the one in which the young Scrooge loses his fiancee. Belle. This long duet closes the first act.

It must be said that, with the exception of the last scene, many of the changes Musgrave makes are unnecessary and weakening. Much of the beauty of Dickens's story lies in its economy of means, for in A Christmas Carol he knew how to wring the most from the fewest words. Since A Christmas Carol's value lies in the pace of its events and the vividness of its scenes rather than any subtlety of character, any such dilution, even for musical purposes, does not add to what has been given.

Cratchit's outburst against injustice after Tiny Tim's "death" gives us more than we need to know about him, to no advantage for the polenancy cramped Virginia Opera stage, of the moment. Finally and even on the first night

Scrooge's monologues, particularly the one after the grotesque vision of the division of his spoils after death (which Musgrave places after the Cratchit scene) is redundant. The events have shown us and shown Scrooge his errors. Musgrave's music is expertly ritten, so that each scene has

its own musical character through morifs and orchestration (e.g. the scene where Sister Fan rescues young Ebenezer from school is characterized by warm string sound, and the Fezziwig Christmas party by a clarinet). The Fezziwig party, moreover, uses

a Musgrave fingerprint of dances; the Sir Roger de Coverley called for in Dickens, and also Go To Berwick, John-nie and The White Cockade. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen heaves in and out of the opera, forms the basis of some counterpoint melodies and is sung by children's chorus at the

Magic, of course, was important to Dickens, and is very important in the opera. Much of the credit for the complex production (by David Farrar) must be given to the thoroughly rehearsed carure of the event. Wizardry took place on the

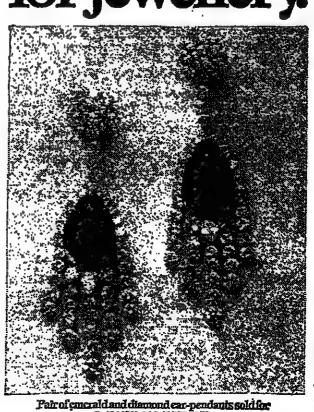
everything worked. The only cavils I had with Farrar's staging were in allowing Scrooge as miser (in the first scene) to be too active—he should be icy cold and aloofand in allowing the Ghost of Christmas Past to writhe about the stage like some sort of manic spider man.

The cast was throughout strong, and dominated by Frederick Burchinal's excellent Schooge, who is onstage practicostumes brilliantly recreated the Dickensian world, and Peter Mark conducted with verve.

But perhaps the best feature of the event was the Dickensian mood surrounding it. It is not exaggerating to say that the many supporters of the Virginia Opera love Thea Musgrave—there will be seven performances of the opera, more than for their regular repertory -90 that the festivities around the premiere, including the children's chorus singing carols outside the opera house before the opera and during the intermission, duplicated the joyousness of the Fezziwig party onstage. God bless us, everyone this was truly the spirit of the occasion.

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Sanctions lifted with Mr Callaghan voices serious reservations arrival of Lord Soames in Salisbury

Announcing that Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council and new Governor of Zimbabwe Rhodesia would be leaving for Rhodesia later in the day, Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in a statement, said that a Briefsh authorine in Sallsburg. a British authority in Sallsbury was necessary to make the final arrangements for bringing the ceasefire into effect.

Legality will be restored and sanctions will be lifted with Lord Soames' arrival (he said) and the acceptance of his authority.

Lord Carrington, in his statement. said—We are approaching the con-clusion of the Lancaster House conference. Last week agreement was reached on our proposals for a ceasefire. The final details are still being discussed. Earlier this afternoon I made in

the conference a new presentation of our detailed proposals for the implementation of the ceasefire. We have given assurances about the security of the Patriotic Front forces and that the moultoring force will be adequate to momor the Rhodesian forces, through their command structure flows to command structure We have explained that the Patriotic Front forces will be sited in their operational areas in locations which will meet their concern that they should not be in close proximity to Rhodestan bases. We have therefore been able to provide the Patriotic Front with the assurance they have here

It is important to see the pre-aent stage in the perspective of what has already been accom-plished. The issue of majority rule, which has been the funda-

with the assurances they have been

Rhodesia for 14 years, has been resolved by the Independence Constitution. Constitution.

It has been agreed that there should be fresh elections to resolve the question of who should exercise political power. The parties have accepted that a British Governor should exercise legislative and executive authority to supervise the elections and bring Rhodesia back to legality. There is agreement on our proposals for CERTIFIED. In the light of what has been agreed, it would be indefensible to continue the war.

to condinue the war.

Ideally we would have preferred the final details to be agreed
before beginning to put the settlement into effect on the ground.
But it is essential to maintain the
momentum if we are to achieve a
settlement involving all the parties,
and if what we have achieved so
far is not to be eroded by events
putside the conference.

We halve with the processes we We believe that the proposals we have put forward this afternoon should lead to early and complete agreement.

Lord Soames, will therefore leave later this afternoon for Rhodesia. Delay could risk prejudicing what has been achieved at the conference. The Governor's arrival will help to stabilize the situation and normalize relations with neighbouring countries.

A Parish authorite to Salkham.

A British authority in Selisbury is necessary to make the final arrangements for bringing the ceasefire into effect. Legality will be restored and sanctions will be lifted with Lord Soames' arrival and the acceptance of his authority.

The Governor will set in train the arrangements for elections. the arrangements for elections. The Government is determined to carry out its responsibility to bring Rhodesia to legal independence at the earliest possible moment. (Conservative cheers).

ment, in the sense that in our deliberations at Lancaster House, Bishop Muzorawa agreed, when the British Governor served, to

step down from exercising the sutbority of Prime Minister. Lord Soames will be in the position of actually exercising the authority

in Salisbury.

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Ceasefire plans for separation of forces

After Lord Carrington had made his statement in the House of Lords, Lord Geronwy-Roberts, for the Opposition, said—The House will be grateful for the statement which can only be described as momentous. The Government has made a crucial decision which involves the new Governor arriving in Zimbabwe Rhodesia before important deutils of the cassefurs have been agreed.

We are housed to express our we are bound to express our deepest misgivings about this protedure. We have tried to be halpful in all our comments on the
long drawn-out and difficult
negotiations which Lord Carrington has conducted with great skill
and perserverance. The Opposition
have said consistently that until
there is a final and durable ceasefire it would be a samble to send

there is a final and durable casefire it would be a gamble to send
a Governor out to that country.

Lord Carrington says in his
statement that legality will be restored and sanctions will be lifted
with Lord Soames's scrival and
the acceptance of his authority.

Does this mean his arrival will
not mean that these steps will be
taken, but that they turn upon
the acceptance in that country of
his authority?

Lord Gladwyn (L)—It is a remarkable actilevement on the part
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This in itself represents a successful and to the long drawn-out negotiations which, a few months ago, few of us thought would have a happy ending.

have a happy ending.

The only point I would query is the decision to send our Lord Soames before a ceasefire has actually been signed. Would such momentum really be lost if Lord Soames were to go out for instance, tomorrow, or Thursday, when it is confidently expected a ceasefire will be in the bag? casefire will be in the bag?

We note sanctions are to be lifted as soon as Lord Soames lands at Salisbury airport. They will also it seems only be lifted once there is acceptance of his authority. If on the arrival of Lord Soames, the Patriotic Front has not by any chance finally signed the ceasefire, how will the Governor be able in practice to exercise authority?

Lord Carrington—It would be misexercise sufficiency?

Lord Carrington—It would be misleading the House if I said that
for Lord Soames to go our at this
moment is ideal. It would be better if all the final and loose ends
had been tied up.

There are good reasons why he
should go ont. The momentum
reason is extremely important. I
have said many times here in the

An erran and addenda slip to The Times Guide to the House of Commons, May 1979 was published recently. If any purchasers of the guide have not yet received a copy, they can obtain it from Times Books Ltd, 18 Ogie Street, London WIP 7LG.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons House of Lords Today at 2.30: Debries on reserve forces: economic and social problems of Northern braining overseas students;

pens during the ceasefire and the assembly. There is a great deal of distrust on the part of both sides.

Whether anybody will really do these things as a reciprocal separation of the forces will depend whether or not there is a real commitment by both sides to the

or all the Patriotic Front forces assemble with their arms and all cross-border movement of their forces ceases, there will be no need for Rhodesian forces to deploy

the Opposition about the decision to send Lord Soames to Salisbury today was expressed to Mrs Thatcher at Prime Minister's question time by Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposi-

Mr Caliaghan said I believe that the departure of Lord Soames is taking place now. Is it the case that no assurance has been received from the parties con-cerned that they will put them-selves under his control? If that is so, as I understand it to be, what instructions have been given to Lord Soames by the Foreign Secretary, (Lord Carring-

country for which he will be re-sponsible for governing and which is at civil war, in the event of an outbreak of hostilities between the

Mrs Thatches-Yes, Lord Soames is leaving for Rhodesia a little later this afternon. The Salisbury administration has agreed to accept the authority of the Governor, his executive and legislative authority.

The Patricia Front has been and prepare for the electrons. In Callagnan—We have serious reservations about the decision to send Lord Soames today. We can see the advantage of having the Covernor in place as soon as the casefire starts, so that he can begin to implement the agreement of the control of the con

The Patriotic Front have been informed that he is going. They have not yet accepted his authority but it is hoped they will do 50 within a few days. A document on the details of implementing the

ceaseine was said before them at Lancaster House at 2pm.

Beyond that, no specific instructions have been given to Lord Scames other than to restore the country to legality, prepare to implement the ceasefire agreement and prepare for the elections.

Mr Callagham—We have serious but Mrs. Thatcher is placing him-in a position of exceptional diffi-culty when only one authority has accepted the ceasefire, when there is an outbreak of hostilities. It is not good enough.

file must have general instructions on the way to conduct
tionself, for example, if General
Walls orders any incursion into
surrounding territories. That
question could havolve this
contry being held responsible by
the world for what takes place.
We have the greatest reservations.
Will Mrs Thatther guarantee
that no British troops will be sent
to that country until the ceasefire
is accepted by all perties?

Mrs Thatther—Yes. On the earlier
part of the question, Mr Callaghan
referred to what would happen if
General Walls ordered an expent
tion beyond their boundaries.

As I tried to say earlier, the
Salisbury administration accepts
the Governor's authority.

To lose chance of a return to legality might lose it forever

To lose the chance of a return to legality today by not sending Lord Soames out to Rhodesia immediately might lose the chance forever, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, said during exchanges following the repeat statement on Rhodesia in the Commons.

He said that one of the main purposes in sending Lord Soames was to bring cross-border activities to an end.

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Mr Peter Shore Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Tower Hamlets, Tepney and Poplar, Lab) said it was a highly unsatisfactory statement. (Conservative protests and Labour cheers.) There are risks and difficulties enough in any event (he said) but to throw the Governor in before a ceasefire is agreed is a foolish policy and a foolish act. (Renewed protests and cheers.-

cheers.

Why could the minister not at least have waited until he had the response to the proposals and have delayed Lord Soames's departure for the necessary and we hope short period which would have elapsed?

to assume?

Ismha taking with him precise instructions to cease furthwith attacks on bases in neighbouring territories of Rhodesia, such as we had a few days ago?

Is he seeking to secure at once an immediate descaling or scaling down of the whole military operation there?

down of the whole military operation there?

Has the Commonwealth monitoring force been alerted and is it
about to depart? If not, what
arrangements are there for its
arrival in Salisbury?

Will he confirm that the whole
reason for this entraordinary acceleration of the timetable is to do
with the fact that the Rhodesian
authorities are in the process of
voting themselves out of existence
during today and tomorrow and
that there will be a lacuna, as it
were, in Rhodesia.

Sir Ism Gilmour—That was an
axtraordinary reaction. (Conservative chears.) We put cesselire proposals which are uttarly fair and
meet all the Patriotic Front's concert.

We shall achieve tomorrow what

We shall achieve tomorrow what judges of that.

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If we were to allow the situation to sip, hostilities might escalate. We saw the dangers of that over the weekend.

Monitoring is one reason we need to get the Governor out early: to supervise the strangements for a redexyous and an assembly point to receive the monitoring force. They are studing by maionally. Arrangements have to be made on the spot about the use of the

the use of the Rhodesian armed forces from the moment he strive?

Sir Ian Gilmour—The Rhodeslan armed forces, like the rest of the administration of the state, will be under the authority of the Governor. The Salisbury administration have agreed to accept that authority.

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition—that does not answer-the question. Supposing the attack, comes from the Patriotic Front.

who have not as yet accepted the authority of Lord Scemes, what is the responsibility of Lord Scames? What instructions had he been given?

ority.
Mr Shore—That is to treat the House with contempt. What instruction has the Governor taken out with him in relation to the use of the armed forces outside and inside Rhodesian frontiers. inside Rhodesian fromists?

Sir Ian Gimour—He will, of course, be in command of the armed forces. They will come under his authfority and one mann purpose of the Governor is to bring an end to cross-border activities. That is one of the main purposes for which he has gone. Mr Peter Tapsell (Horcastle, C)—While a decision for Britain to resume responsibility for Rhodesian affairs now obviously involved dangers which are uncertain, any decision not to do so would involve dangers at least as great.

What advantage is there in sending him in ahead of his own support and of a ceasefire?

What instruction does the Governor take with him to the armed
forces, whose control he is about
to assume? dengers at least as great.

Sir Ian Gilmour—I entirely agree.

We have always considered that there are dangers in what we are doing, but we are always being told to assume responsibility for Rhodesia. That is what we have done, and as I have made clear we are doing the right thing. are doing the right thing.

To let the conflict drag on would be entirely contrary to the interests of Rhodesia, this country and south Africa.

Mr Frank Dobson (Camden, Holborn and St Fancras South)—Following Lord Soames's arrival in Rhodesia will troops of the British Crown colony of Rhodesia, as it will then be, be involved in future in cross-border raids into neighbouring territories? (Conservative protests.)

Str. In Gilmont—I thought I had

Sir ian Gilmour—I thought I had answered that question. We are confident that there will be finalagreement on our proposals. In those circumstances, the Govern-ment does not and cannot contemmore corcumstances, the Govern-ment does not and cannot contem-plate action which would damage relations with the neighbouring countries. In those circumstances we hope they, too, will exercise all available influence and ensure there is no cross-border activity from them.

We shall achieve tomorrow what everybody else failed to achieve in the past 15 years: a return to legality in Salisbury. If we lost that chance, we might lose it forever. We had hoped that the Labour Party might have learnt a little from history.

When to send the Governor must. be a matter for judgment, it is a fine one. It depends to a great extent on the dynamics of the conference and on what is happen-ing in Rhodesia. We have to be the

consecure to the Rhodesian forces would be asked to disensage first and would go close to the vicinity of their bases.

After that (he said) the Patriotic Front will be asked to assemble with their arms and under their commanders. There will be a number of pieces where they will go to; they will keep their arms and their commanders and they will be monitored.

The same will happen to the Rhodesian forces but there will be more Rhodesian bases because there are more Rhodesians.

All this depends on what happens during the ceasefire and the

territory? Sir . Ian . - Gilmour-Rhodesia's

neighbours are well aware of the position. From the arrival of the British Governor there will be no foreign intervention in Rhodesia. Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—While the minister and many others were euphoric about the breakthrough and the ceasefire, the Rhodesian security forces attacked ramps in Zambia and Mozambione where people and Mozambique where people were assembling together to return to take part in the arrangements. Has he made investigations into this?

Sir Ism Gismour—It is not denied that there has been infiltration into Rhodesia by Patriotic Front forces. They have been going across very quickly. This is one of the reasons for sending the Governor out. From now on, the Rhodesian forces will only act with the Governor's authority.

A feature of this conference (he said later) is that it has been evident that keeping up the momentum is important. Last week's events have shown the dangers of not doing so. Everyone at the conference is aware of the dangers of delay. There was a strong case for sending out Lord Scames now.

Bir James Callaghan—I would like

Somes now.

Mr James Callaghan—i would like to make it clear that while we do not think the Lord Privy Seal has answered the question satisfactorily, it is certainly our hope at the end of these 14 years that Rhodesia has gone through, that he has been able to provide the Patriotic Front with the assurances they have been seeking about their security and the position of the Rhodesian forces.

I have if they are the Patriotic

I hope if they are, the Petriotic Front will have no hesitation in accepting it so we can get shead with the return to legality and the Martines. We still do not understand why

it would not have been possible to have waited until he had a formal reply and avoid the risk he is running from the Patriotic Front before sending Lord Soames. (Labour cheers.) Sir ian Gilmour—There are risks strached to either course. It is our judgment that there are lesse jungment that mare are lesser risks in what we have done. If there can be all-party agreement in this House upon our proposals it will make it all the more likely that they will be accepted by the Panriotic Front, too. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr. Dennis Concannon (Mansfield; Lab) said that some MPs were cerned about the delicacy of the task given to the British and Commonwealth forces due to go out to Bhodesia. Sir . Ian . Gilmour .- Except for the

forces will be inner the authority of the Governor as soon as he arrives. We hope, and I am confident, that in a short space of time the Fatriotic Front forces, after agreement at Lancaster House later this week, will also be under the authority of the Governor. personal security guards that the Coversor is baking with him, no British or other troops will arrive in Rhodesta until the final details of the ceasefire have been agreed.
Thereafter, they will arrive quickly and will have the detailed and vital task of monitoring both sides to see that the ceasefire is observed and to point out when there are breaches of it. Mr Ridon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—What undertakings has the minister received from the governments of Zambis, Mozambi-que and South Africa that from the moment of the British Governoc's

Cross-border cooperation developing well

Waiting lists lengthened during last winter

Industrial disputes in the health service last winter added 125.000 patients to the hospital waiting lists. Dr Gerard Vaugnan, Minister of State for Health, said during constitute. questions.

Dr Vaughan said that on December 31, 1974, 517,424 people were awaiting admission to MHS hospitals in England compared to 752,422 on March 31, 1979, the latest date for which figures were available. That was an increase of 234,998 in the four years under the

previous Government.

Mr John MacKay (Argyll, C)—
This is an appalling indictment of
the NHS presided over by the
Labour Party. It compares antavourably to the situation in our
European partner countries.

Is there any chance that he can
offer any hope of diminishing waiting lists as we did during the last
Conservative Government? Dr Vanghan (Reading, South, C)

yes, we can reduce waiting lists, but we are the only country in western Europe where almost half our bospitals were closed for over two months to all but emergency admissions: Last winter added 125,000 to the waiting lists. Mr. Phillip Philehead Derby, North, Lab)—The shocking indica-ment at the moment is the closure of hospitals going on under this Government, How much will that increase the figures for the coming

Will be come to Derbyshire and talk to the authority which is plan-ning to close seven hospitals this year?

pear?
Dr Vanghan—Under the previous administration, some 280 hospitals were closed or approved for closure and on March 31 this year there were proposals for closure of a further 31 hospitals—that is 2,353 beds in the pipeline.
Mr Kenneth Lewis (Ruthard and Stamford, C)—To get this into perspective, how many beds are there available and how many of these cases are urgent?
Dr Vanchan—It is difficult to give

his Peni Dean (North Somewes, C)—The main reason for the closure of beds was the total fatter of the last government to prevant discussive action in the NHS. There will be overwhelming support in the country for the Covernment's proposals to essure that this does not happen again. Dr Vangham—Yes, I entirely agree. The appelling and contemptible picketing at Charles Cross increased the ingent waiting list from 213 to 554 passents, a tarrible situation.

Government plans for better management at local hospital level

The Government's proposits on streamlining the national health service were designed to strengthen management at the local hospital level and bring health authorities closer to the people. Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said at question time.

He said the proposits had been published today (Tuesday) in a consultation paper entitled Patients First.

hir Peter Rost (South-East Derby-shire, C) a sked: Can we have an assurance that the Government will assignance that the Government wan
use an are rather than tweezers on
those health amborizes that prefer
to close hospitals rather than cut
their own waste and efficiency?
Under proper management there
would be more than enough cash
to provide better facilities for
patients in need.

panents in need.

Mit Jenkin—We believe that the closer management decisions are taken to the point of patient care, the more likely it is that patients interests will predominate. Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C)-There is a lot of feeling in the There is a for of reeing in me country that the health service is over-weighted in its administration. Those who work with those who suffer in our society are being more and more separated in braus of experience and salary from those who take the decisions.

Mr. Jenkin. I accept that. The pro-posals in the consultation paper are designed to deal with precisely those problems.

Mr Stanley Orme, an Opposition, spokestian on social services (Salford, West, Lab)—We note he is going to attempt to put right the disastrous reorganization carried out by Sir Keith Joseph.

Mr Jenkin—A great deal of banefit flowed from the unification of the primary care services the com-munity services and the hospital services, one of the principal objectives of the 1974 reform.
There is common consent now that the service has an over-elabothat the service has an over-elaborate structure, an over-elaborate planning system, and decisions are taken too far away from the point of patient care. We have published proposits to put those things right.

Mr Faul Dean (North Somerset, C)—When considering streamlining will be take into account the prowing number of recent reports

about auchiery workers who as apparently overpaid and inde-worked and not pulling the weight in the health service.

If those reports are the li-grossly untain on the li-majority of workers in the service medical and others, who are doing

Mr Jeskin I regard the reports a disturbing. I do not think there is any great Suprise in this 'the primary need, and periman this 'the central point in the document to be reported in an accommendation. is to strengthen management local level and by that I a local level and by that I mean is the hospital and the community.

I agree with the world spoken to me a few mouths ago by a wis hospital bend power who said "The trouble with the health six vice is that there is not that administration and mor enough mountement."

Mr David Runals (Norwich, North Lab)—There is something raths cheeky about producing a sing called Patients First by a Govern ment which is putting up prestor tion charges to 700 and squeeing the health service. (Lond interior

tious.)
Mr Jenkin—M I want lessons to how to manage the beath agratice am not sure I will go to Mr Emai (Labour protests.)
Even at 70p which will appring mest April the charge is a bigger a proportion of the cost of prescription than was 20p when was first introduced in 1971. We are doing no more than keeps the prescription charge level wither ising cost of prescriptions.

Mr Stanley Thorne (Prests.)

sented.

Mr Jenkin-No. We are pure forward as a proposal that a should not follow up the suggeston made by Mrs Barbara Cast that there should be automaticapteenation of staff interests; health authorities.

It is noteworthy that in the fiverest since she aut that mounts. taken account of the an appro-joint consultation procedure lay great emphasis on that.

Nuclear weapons must be modernized-PM

C)—It would be a calcular for the whole alliance if a decision to modernise theatre nuclear was your work not them. (Consequence the consequence of the consequence o

were closed or approved for closure of a further 31 hospitals—that is 2,363 beds in the pipeline.

Mr Kenneth Lewis (Rutland and Sumford, C)—To get this importance available and how many of these exact argent?

De Vanghan—It is difficult to give exact flaves on anumbers of heds; across the country over 3,500 beds in brund new hospitals have been opened this year ao far and over 1,000 more are scheduled for the eaxt three months.

A total of 381 hospital beds were permanently closed ducleg (November, Dr Genral, Vanghan, Minister of State for Health, soid turing other exchanges. Af September 30 lest; proposals for country over 3,000 beds further somether of State for Health, soid turing other exchanges. Af September 30 lest; proposals for country to open government and enable the more malear manifes are involving 113 beds were longered involving 113 beds were longered involving 113 beds were flowers involving 113 beds were longered flowers and open government and enable the more malear missiles in the owner, or state for Health, soid turing other exchanges. Af September 30 lest; proposals for country to open government and enable danger. There is no freedom at the Rouse to debate this important decision would rever be able to use on the more malear missiles we in the sound many the more malear missiles we in the country, the greater the flower to open government and enable danger. There is no freedom at the Rouse to debate this important decision to open government and enable danger. There is no freedom at the sound open and the former such a decision is taken. defence. (Conservative cheers.)
you wish to have inclear missilerationary theatre nuclear force radical, the first thing would to perstande the Soviet Union withdraw the 120 SS20's without already have in service.

Mr Robert Attice (Research

have not chosen to debug this subject.

Mr James Callagnan, Leader of the Opposition. (Cardiff, South East, Lab)—She know that we have pressed the Government for such a debug. The subjects we have chosen, because we finishing the a matter of Government policy, have been in our view equally important.

As the Government has failed to provide time, will she ensure that the Secretary of State for Defence makes a statement insmellately upon his return? We shall press for a debuge following that staneouset.

There will be different views expressed about h—(Conservative interruptions)—yes, indeed. I may the Nato proposed to instal Ameter with all Labour MPs.

Providing legal framework for security services

The would be remiss of the Commons to allow the security service to sink from sight for another decade annil the next spy standal gave MFs another opportunity to probe what the service did in their name, Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Central, Lab) said in successfully asking leave to introduce the Security Service MII.

He said the Bill would give legal authority for the creation of a security service, and provide for the appointment of its Director Centeral and for his accountability.

The Farliament should provide a proper legal framework for the security service and a proper system of accountability. There was no act on the statute book which provided the Government with the legal authority to raise and maintain the security service on the continued of the security service. Only one statute acknowledged the existence of the security service in the funds research to the continued of the power to the best purt of more than 200 years the funds research to the service and only carried to the power in the funds report of the service and only carried to the province of the service of the ser released to the service not only exceeded the fru,000 in that Act but exceeded filom. The repeal expunged from the statute book the one solitary recognition of the existence of the service.

Parliament should set the security service on a proper legal footing. The Covernment should be left in bo doubt that it had the fowar to mise and maintain the security service.

There was no way of knowing what persons of organizations the service suspected of being subversive. The search for persons whom the service suspected of being subversive itse had been the main reason for the expansion in the past two or three decades.

One of the problems of the debate on Blunt was that it had left the public with the impression that the security service. It was believed that the security service is that the security service. It was believed that the security service is the public waith the file in the proper exceeded the dream of the proper exceeded the dream of the security service. It was believed that the security service. It was believed that the security service is the policy which made been a major expansion of it doubted. It had the number of its against the policy which exceeded the dream of the work of the service was about catching foreign spice. Regretably, that was far from the truth, it approached gure myth. A greater part of the work of the service was the domestic surveillance of the prewar service.

It might be that the common the continue.

Taking Northern ireland as a whole, and taking all the indicators of violence together, 1979 away only a slight upturn in violence over 1978, Mr Humphrey Afrains, Secretary for State for Northern Ireland, 244. Mr Atkins (Spalthorne, C), moving that the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 2) Order be approved, said there had been some terrible incidents in 1979, including the killing of 18 soldiery at Warrempoint in August, which had deeply shocked everybody, so far this year, 104 people had lost their lives, 55 of them members of the structure of the struct Criticism of EEC Council of Ministers: a bad budget for Europe

European Parliament Strasbourg It was for the two halves of the budgetary anthority—the Parlia-ment and the Council of Ministers—to conduct their own dialogue and his task was to clarify (Netherlands, Soc) said when be introduced the report from the Committee on Budgets of which be Ministers—to conduct their own dialogue and his task was to clarify the commissions opinion on the important question facing them.

We believe (he said) that it is in the interests of the Community that there should be a budget adopted this session for the execution of Community policies in 1980. This is not the moment to dwell at length on the possible consequences of a reduction in the budget or failure to adopt it. But I can say with some confidence that if that were to happen, there would be some nasty surprizes for us all.

The Parliament wanted to achieve a better balance of spending within the Community and that was a Commission objective as well.

But the budget proposed by the is rapporteur.

The report urged the Parliament to reject the 1980 budget as a whole in view of the Council's action in falling to accept Parliament's proposals to cut farming spending and to switch more funds to regional and social policy as well as to energy and scientific research projects.

Mr Danker's report stated that the committee believed the Council of Ministers had not permitted the Parliament to act positively as part of the budgetary authority. The

action, of the Council was a political challenge to the Parliament's future.

The fallure to curtail agricul-But the budget proposed by the Council represented a regression from that objective. He hoped that there would be a compromise between the Parliament and the Council, but that implied that both sides had to move. exhaustion of the Community's own resources, the curtailment of all Community financial support all Community financial support for other activities, and in the not too distant future, the breakdown of agricultural support. This would lead to the destruction of the only integrated community policy, the

sides had to move.

If the budget was not accepted, not only was the conduct of existing policies restricted, but there would be no new policies.

It would be right to ponder whether at a time when relations between the directly-elected Parilaments and the Council wave in their "The bringing down of the central pillars on which the Community had been constructed would ultimately bring the temple down with it," the report added. down with it," the report added.
Mr Dankert said that the committee had been moderate in what
they had proposed, and they had
not questioned the fundamental
principles of the CAP. ment and the Council were in their infancy it would be helpful to inject a crisis which it would not be easy to solve. Mr John McCartin (Ireland, EPP).

speaking for the Parliament's Com-mittee on Social Affairs, said he regretted that Parliament spent so little time considering social prob-lems such as unemployment, women's rights, the handicamed women's rights, the handicapped, women's rights, the handicapped, the aged.

He hoped the time would come when the problems of the weaker sections of society would get the same consideration as those engaged in agriculture. He hoped policies would be adopted to give the same confidence to the weaker sections of society that the CAB the same confidence to the weaker sections of society that the CAP had given to those working in agriculture.

Mr Tom Normanton (Cheshire, East. ED), for the Energy and Research Committee, arged MPs to reject the budget He said that the Council had treated the Parliament's proposals in a cavaller man

ment's proposals in a cavaller man-ner. If the budget was to mean anything, it had to be and seen to be a reflection of Community policy and an instrument of policy The budget provisions for energy

and research were at best irrelevant and at worst a downright evant and at worst a downingnt confirmation to the electors of Europe that there was simply no Community energy approach or rather that there was no serious political awareness of the need to adopt such a stance. Herr Egon Klensch (West Germany, EPP) said his group would vote for rejection of the 1980 budget if the resolve reflected by the Parliament during its last debate on the budget was not accepted by the Council at the eleventh hour.

of fire. They had come to the acid
test.

They could not decry the things
the people of Europe had elected
them for—the creation of a Eurotropia. They could not say: "Now
we can forget all about that and go
back to normal business."

He was not looking for a fight
for its own sake if the Council said
it was appiring to Parliament's
objectives it should put its money
where its mouth was. Their present
approach was not the way to deal
with the problem.

Mr John Taylor (Missings, East.

with the problem.

Mr John Taylor (Missands, East, ED) said that the Council had hammered the original draft of the budget into the old familiar tired agricultural shape. He wondered what the founding fathers would have said if they had known that by 1980 agriculture spending would be touching 80 per cent of the Community budget. community budget.

They wanted a reduction in agricultural spending because that was where the surpluses came from, and they wanted to encourage other vital Community activities such as energy, transport, environment and the regions.

But these progressive develop-ments in the budget had been fining back at them if not with contempt, then certainly with no cogent explanation. In these circum-stances, what did a responsible directly-elected parliament do? Unless anything dramatic hap-pened which satisfied his group-they would vote against the budget. They would do this not because certain member states Millions of Europeans had voted for them because they expected their directly-elected MPs to shape

would gain from a better balance, uccept that the will of a Parliament was the will of the people. It would not be in keeping with the awareness of the role of the House if it M Vincent Ansquer (France, DEP) were to bow to a decision said overall rejection of the budget the Council of Ministers. was a move to be used right at the end of the budgetary procedure which had not yet been exhausted. There was still room for negotiations between Parliament and Council. Mr Jens-Peter Bonde (Denmark

TCDG) said the assembly wished nd its powers. The council should stand firm and the Parliament's threats should not be taken If the parliament persisted in its

attitude it would hang itself with its own rope. The treaty ma clear that the council of ministers had legislative responsibility and this should not be undermined by attempts of the Parliament to get its hands on the purse strings. Herr Rudi Arnot (West Germany, Soc) said governments had to take place on Thursday.

plement what the council did, but to carry out the will of the The Council might be well-intentioned but a sop to the Parliament, a statement saying they shared Parliament's views, was not enough. The electors of Europe did not send them to Strasbourg for that, but to implement policies niey promised during the election.

Voting on the 1980 budget will

were to bow to a decision taken by

They all had one thing in com-

mon—a mandate to create a stronger Partiament. The Socialist

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Council was incredible. Six months

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Party and group labels

The political affiliations of European MPs to be used in our reports of the proceedings of the European Catic (formerly European Conservations) and Parliament are those of the political groups, some of which have been remained since direct electrons last June. The abbreviations used to designate the political groups of the Parliament are:

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Michael Kempster, QC, and Adrianne Page for the i. Mr Anthony Lester, QC, heties Gray and Mr Charles maker for the defandants, i. Newspapers Lad; Mr am Rees-Mogs, editor of The is; and Mr Paul Routledge, appris Labour Editor.

cation and Plumbing Union enters. (2) the conduct of union conferences. Newspapers Ltd and the reatment of particular members of the union who were not the reatment of particular members of the union who were not the rade union. The fighting between various with Tail Vale Railway Co variation, along and Plumbing Union of the winch were in Issue on the assumed against the defendants. The issues of purishlection. Therefore it must be assumed that articles had been published by the defendants were also in national Union of General and Municipal Workers y Gillian.

indeed, since there was an allegation of malice, it must be assumed
that the defendants were also
guilty of malice in the libel sense.
That, however, was a mere
assumption for the purpose of
the preliminary issues, and if
there were ever to be a trial on
the merits the defendants would
strongly defend themselves from
all the allegations contained in
the statement of claim.

Counsel read the articles complained of. They said that Mr
Chapple and his supporters could
tarnish the union's image in the
battle against the left and that
"moderates" ran the risk of going
too far to keep control of the electrician's union.

Another passage referred to the

authority in the text-books for the right of trade unions to sue for libel. Doubt had been cast on that case, however, and it was sub-mitted that in the light of what was said in the House of Lords in Bonsor w Musicians' Union ([1956] AC 104) Gillar's case was

too far to keep control of the electrician's union.

Another passage referred to the union's rules revision and policy conference being held in Blackpool. It brought into the public gaze, the passage said, a policical power struggle that industrial correspondents had shown an understandable shyness about reporting, and it presented a further chapter in the long-running battle between the entrenched right-wing leadership of Mr. Chapple and his supporters, and the left wing remority on the executive council who gained a mehold in the elections of 1973—only to find their policies (and personalities) discredited.

The flatingame comment said, andmitted that the first question of law should be answered in the negative. That was the most important question in the tase, and negative. That was the most important question in the case, and much turned on the provisions of the Trade Linion and Labour Relations Act, 1974. Section 2 was was the meaning and offset of the words in sub-section. (1) "A grade union which is not a special register body shall not be, or be treated as if it were, a body corporate, "" Those words made to lear, that no legal personality

register body shall not be, or be greated as if it were, a body corporate, ... Those words made it clear that no legal personality was to be attributed to a trade traine, whether as a body corporate or as a mere corporation or quast-corporation.

That had a special effect in the law of libel, where the personality of the plaintiff was crucial. It did not affect the right of trade unions to soe for other toris, but the words obliged the courts no longer to regard the unions as they had been regarded traditionally, as result a union could no longer manusin an action for libel.

Before the 1974 act it was well established in law that a trade union could see and be sued in its own manus for libel and other totic on the basis that it was a legal emity, either a body corporate or a near-corporation. a quasi-corporation or terrium quid, something between a corporate body and a natural person. The 1974 act extended widely bade union immunities from proceedings in tort, and whatever the previous

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Mareva assets may be used for payment of business debts

Before Mr Justice Robert Goff [Judgment delivered Nov 13]

A Mareva injunction was varied so as to enable the frozen assets to be used for making payments in good faith in the ordinary

His Lordship granted an application by Gillespie Brothers & Co Ltd. as interveners in an action in which the Iraql Ministry of Defence and others (plaintiffs) had obtained the injunction against Arcepey Shipping Co SA (defendants), for an order that the assets be used to pay debts owed to them by the defendants, notwithstanding that the injunction had not been discharged.
Mr Anthony Colman, QC, and Mr Nigel Tears for the interveners; Mr John Hobbonse, QC, and Mr Alan Pardoe for the

MIS LORDSHIP said that the

De sued in its own name because it had been given stanutory powers and rights. The decision provoked hostility from trade unions and left five years later to the Trade Disputes Act, 1906, which gave very wide immunities to unions. In National Union of General and Municipal Workers w Chilan (1945] 2 All ER 593) the Court of Appeal had to consider the reverse side of the coin from the Tail Vale case—the right of a union to sue. The court adopted the same approach and interred from the fact that unions could be sued in tort they must have HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs were the owners of cargo on the Angel Bell, which was owned by the defendants, Arcepey & Panamanian company. In 1976 the vessel sank with the cargo on board. The plaintiffs claimed against Arcepey damages of about 53m and in 1977 they obtained a Mareva injunction. At that time Arcepey had no assets within the jurisdiction, but they did have the prospect of recovering the proceeds of insurance policies on the vessel amounting to about £240,000. The brokers for the policies were Brandts Marine.

Iraqi Ministry of Defence and Others v Arcepey Shipping Co SA and Another . Arcepey Shipping Co assigned the policies to them.

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An issue was ordered to be tried as between the interveners and the plaintiffs concerning the interveners' rights as mortgagees and the effectiveness of the assignment. Arcepey had no interest in the insurance moneys, maintaining that they should be paid to the interveners.

In March, 1979, Mr. Insteed In March, 1979, Mr Justice Donaldson gave Judgment in favour of the interveners on both aspects, holding that the interveners were holding that the interveners were equitable mortgagess of the vessel and assignees of the policies with title to sue on them. That decision was under appeal, but the plaintiffs had also taken another point, that the interveners had been carrying on the business of understands.

that the interveners had been carrying on the business of un-registered money-lenders and therefore the loan to Arcepey was illegal and void under legislation then in force. The interveners denied that, and the issue was to be tried in 1980.

The interveners now had advanced a different comention. Prompted by observations made by Mr Justice Donaldson in his judgment in March, 1977, they now sought to have the Mareva injunction varied by the addition of "save that Grindley Brandts Marine Ltd. shall be permitted to pay to Gillespie Bros & Co Ltd the sum of £200,000 being part of the proceeds of insurance on the vessel Angel Bell".

It was contended by the interveners that, whatever would be the result of the issues tried and peoding between them and the olaintiffs, the injunction should be lifted to enable Arcepey and the brokers to pay back the money which the futerveners odvanced to the defendants. They said that for the brokers or defendants to pay back the money would be to pay money in good

transactions of that kind. The plaintiffs, however, said

that the whole purpose of the Mareva jurisdiction was to freeze a defendant's assets within the jurisdiction until after the litiga-tion between the plaintiffs and the defendants had been resolved by judgement or agreement between he parties. His lordship was satisfied from

the authorities cited that the fundamental purpose of the Marera jurisdiction was to prevent foreign parties from causing assets to be removed from the jurisdiction in order to avoid the risk of having to satisfy any judgement which might be entered against them in pending proceedings in this country.

As was made plain by Mr Justice Musuli in Third Chandris Shipping Co r Unimarine SA ([1879] 3 WLR 121), the point of the Mareya jurisdiction was to proceed by stealth and so to precently any action by the defendant to remove his assets from the jurisdiction. To achieve that result the injunction had to be in a wide form because, for example, a form because, for example, a transfer by the defendant to a collaborator in the jurisdiction could lead to the transfer of the assets abroad by the collaborator. But it did not follow that, having attributed the injunction the established the injunction, the reart should not thereafter permit a multification to it to allow a ransfer of assets by the defendant if the defendant satisfied the our that he required the money T a purpose which did not con-fict with the policy underlying the Mareva jurisdiction.

Although he disavowed that purpose, Mr Hobhouse was really seeking for his clients a priority to which they were not entitled.

It was not in dispute that in English law a party who claimed unliquidated damages against a company was not entitled to present a petition for winding up the defendant company before he

had a judgment.
His Lordship did not believe
that a Mareva inrisdiction was
lutended to rewrite the English Intended to rewrite the English law of insolvency. It was clear from the authorities that the purpose of the jurisdiction was not in any way to improve the position of claimants in an insolvency but simply to prevent the injustice of a foreign defendant removing his assets from the jurisdiction which otherwise might. juristiction with otherwise might have been available to satisfy a judgment: see, for example, Cretanor Mariume Co Ltd v Irish Marine Management Ltd [1978]

WLR 956).

Mr Hobhouse disclaimed a

Mr. Hobhouse disclaimed a proprietary interest in the assets or the Position of a secured creditor by virtue of the injunction. But it was difficult to see why, if a plaintiff had not yet proceeded to judgment against a defendant but was simply a claimant for an unliquidated sum, the defendant should not be free to use his assets to pay his debts. There remained the point that the interveners were seelding to recover a debt which was illegal and void as a money-lending transaction. Whatever the merits of the plaintiffs' submission, it was an issue which had yet to be resolved; and his Lordship had to consider whether it would be right to amend the present Mareva Injunction to permit payment by Arcepey of the interveners' claim in those circumstances.

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Lifting the Mareva injunction to enable Arcepey to repay the loan to the interveners would not be to enforce the transaction, even

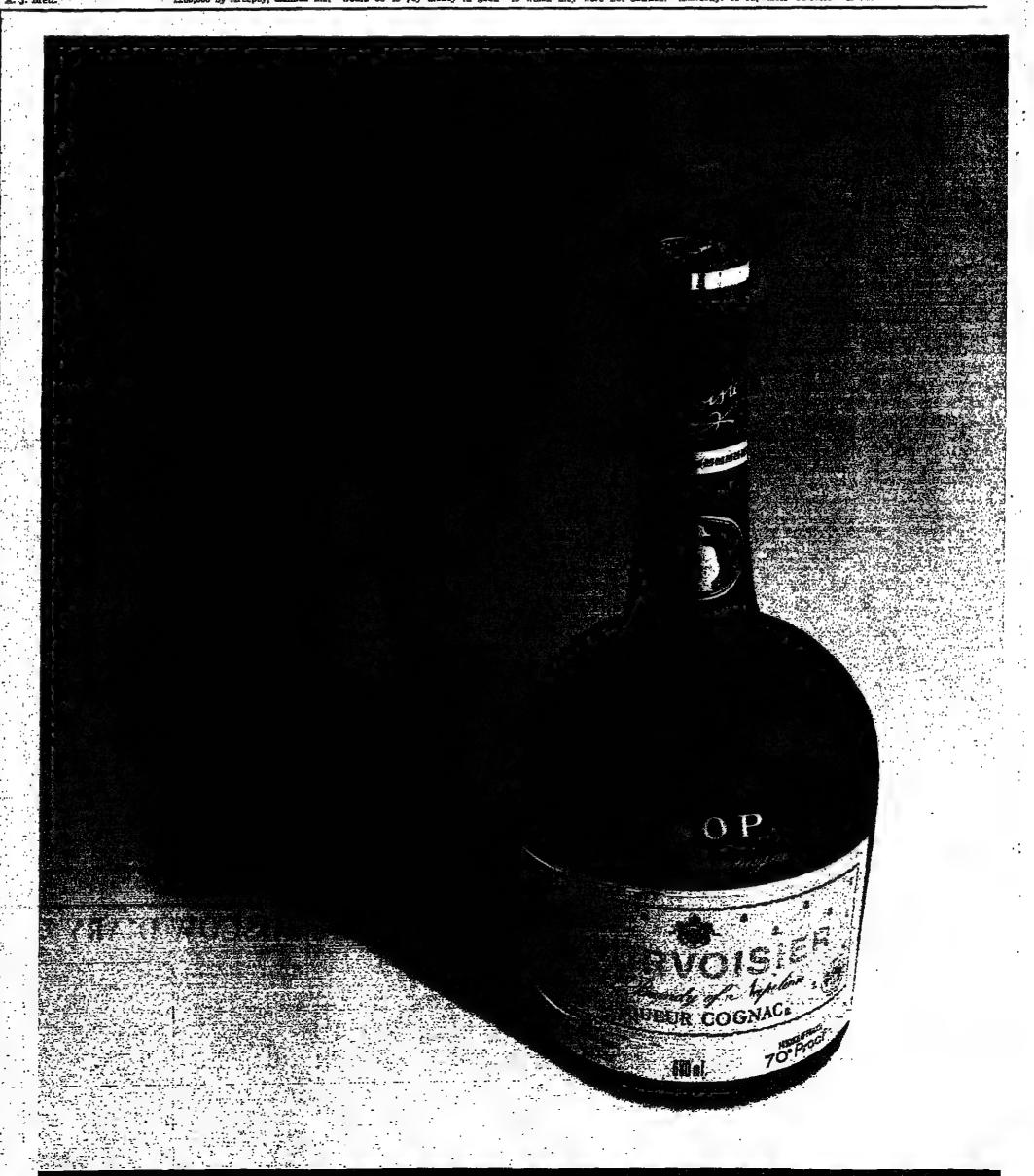
dishonourable, if not dishonest not to repay a loan even if its illegal by virtue of the Money-lenders Acts. All the interveners were asking was that Arcepey should be free to repay such a loan if they thought fit to do so, not that the loan transaction should be enforced.

repay a loan in such circumstances was not inconsistent with the policy underlying the Mareva jurisdiction. In such circumstances he was not seeking to avoid his responsibilities to the plaintiff if the latter should altimately obtain a judgment. To allow the Mareva jurisdiction to prevent a defendant from repaying loans in the ordin-ary course of business would be stretch the injunction beyond its original purpose, instead of preventing businessmen conduct-ting their business as they were

No case had yet come before the courts in which such a limit on the Mareva jurisdiction had been considered. It had to be considered in the present case because there was only one asset which there was only one asset which was not large enough to satisfy both the claim of the interveners and the claim of the plaintiffs.

His Lordship was satisfied that not only was there nothing in the authorities inconsistent with the interveners' submissions, on the contrary, the policy underlying the Mareva jurisdiction as revealed is those authorities was entirely consistent with those entirely consistent with those

It followed that the Mareva Injunction granted in the present case might be qualified. The case was adjourned into chambers for the drafting of the order. Solicitors : McHale & Co ; Clyd



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Will the fate of the US hostages follow the Korean pattern?

hostages in Iran is providing the United States zovernment which temporarily gripped America 12 years ago when the North Koreans seized the intelligence ship Pueblo and her crew of 81.

They were taken hostage in January, 1968, at the start of another presidential election vear, when another Democratic president was being challenged for his party's nomination by another Senator Kennedy. It another Senator Kennedy. It was 11 months before they were released: and then only after the United States had eaten a very humble diplomatic pie. The similarities continue. The secretary of state called the seizure an "act of war": there

was pressure on the President to invade North Korea; Vietnam were geared up to give support. Gradually the useless-ness of a military response in oners, or to punish the North Koreans for harming them— hegan to percolate through to American public opinion and the fate of the Pueblo's unfor-runate crew soon left the front

In December, 1968, Captain Lloyd Bucher and his crew were finally released after the American government had pologized to North Kores for trespassing into their territorial waters. This apology was then declared by the Americans to be "worthless" because it was signed under duress.

ignored by a cynical world, found it hard to ignore the fact

found it hard to ignore the fact that the United States had surrendered on all points.

In Washington there is now the sniff of another surrender on account of another painful similarity. The intelligence mission of the Pueblo was its undoing and the very serious intelligence breaches which have occurred as a result of the plumbassy in Tehran have weakened Washington's hand to counter the clear breach of International

law which the seizure involves. When Captain Bucher re-turned home from captivity he confessed that he and his crew did not complete the destructelligence equipment which was thus allowed to fall into enemy hands — so unpardonable

In Iran, the same kind of emergency drills were also inemergency drills were also in-complete. These nutters have not yet been fully aired in a Washington still stunned by the magnitude of the breach, since under diplomatic protocol diplo-mats caught out in intelligence operations are normally de-clared persona non grata and

But Iranians have shown that they are not playing diplomacy by the accepted rules, hence their unprincipled seizure of the embassy in the first place. Thus
the forthcoming trial of diplomats accused of spying is likely
to have all the evidence it needs to convince a rigged court, and a prejudiced world audience, that the men deserve to be convicted.
It is this which causes

apprehension in Washington apprenension in washington and arouses a certain amount of mixed feelings towards the hostages. On the one hand, everybody sympathizes with the terrible ordeal they are going through, and is vigilant for any signs of malireatment such as was inflicted on the crew of

the Pueblo. On the other hand the State Department has been appalled by the failure to destroy sensitive files which reveal planning of covert operations in Iran. Why was the emergency drill not followed before the mob stormed into the embassy?

American diplomats in Islamabad successfully descroyed their sensitive material in half the

time and with so warning. Yet in Tehran some of the exposed correspondence reveals that the embassy was only too aware beforehand of the danger it would be in should the Shah be admitted to the United

As one senior State Department official said: "My heart went cold when I saw a Rager' telegram published in the Washington Post"—'Roger' being the code prefix for all intelligence matters dating from the time when Mr Roger Hillsman, was in charge of state department.

in charge of state department intelligence operations.

The vulnerability of the American position caused by this breach of security, must be exercising great if unexpressed

making during the crisis. When President Carter first reacted to the seizure he set out two priorities to which he has ad-

The first was that the safety of the hostages was paramount; the second that force would not be used. In the five weeks since then his position has be-come less tenable, and less easy to portray to the people of a great power taunted in its im-potence and now with the addicional confusion of a presidential election campaign.

In 1968 President Johnson In 1968 President Johnson secured the release of the Pueblo crew after 29 secret negotiating sessions with the North Koreans, but he took all year to do it, and he decided in May not to stand for reelection as president. Can President Carter afford

to have this crisis drag on for month after month with an admonth after month with an adversary who seems as averse to secret diplomacy—indeed diplomacy of any kind—as do the Iranians, and yet as keen to exploit television publicity to goad the Americans, as were the North Koreans to shun it? On the outcome may depend President Carter's chances of renomination. If it has to be a bumiliating climb down, it had better be a quick one, since the alternatives all seem to involve some exercise of milir force which would be both diplomatically and electorally

The only thing which could

influence on American policy really spoil the intended exercise in quiet diviousery is if any one. Thus nobody can even now of the hustages are harmed let mrevent the frantains from killalone killed as a result of a trial Every available source in Washington last week said that in those circumstances, the President had no abernative but to surke back with force, however domaging that night be to the United States long

It would be politically impossible not to; though such a reaction would be just what the Ayatollah Khomeini, the Russians, and all America's other purative enemies in the Muslim world (and beyond) would want to happen to compensate for the fact, that, if left to himself, the Ayatollah's hold on fram will anyway become increasingly insecure.

This concern for the hostages may derive from the basic huminity of the President and the society he leads. It may be sound politics; but it is not sound strategy. This graid strategy of the United States, indeed the strategy of the West. as a whole can only suffer by being too closely tied to the At some sings the civilized world will have to take the dreadful step and make it clear,

the need to pay reasons of any kind. The side which bends the rules of international be-

ing a hostage; but the United States must try to make it clear that, should the Iranians do so, they cannot provoke the United States into a damaging retaliatheir ann objectives.

This would be a difficult enough exercise in strategic education, even in a non-elec-tion year. So the word from within the State Department is within the State Department is that an accommodation can be reached. Indeed, if only the translat foreign minister had bothered to strend the Security Council debate, he would have learned in the corridors there that the United States Government was not hostile to the idea of an interprinal commission.

In Washington it is recognized that such a process is likely to be very damaging, not just to the Shah, but to the whole of the western world, where the Shah's finances seems of have an epidemic quality which has infected most unjur financial establishments.

inquiry would point an accusinquiry would point an accusing finger at every citadel of
capitalism. Yet the United
States may have come to
believe that it would be a lesser evil than any of the other choices facing the President. Charles Douglas-Home

are forced to argue and prove

drastic.
Therefore, in order to clear
the air and in the good old
British tradition of fair play, I
challenge MoD to produce the
information from their model

Bernard Levin

Leave space for extra noughts, please

Here we so again, I'm afraid, struct An American space excelling, love, after discovering and surveying It a cloud of gas so enorminas that I do bur quote the report from NASA) " if all its particles were

a cloud of gas so coronados usas (I do bur quote the report from NASA) "if all its particles were assembled the mass would be equal to a million billion sums." has mansanted information from which the experts have concluded that "it might eventually cause the unwares to stop expanding outward and perhaps full back on itself and start over again.

There are several chings about this story which seem to have discovered a cloud of has equal in mass to a million billion sums should first consider the possibility that he has the laughable mistake, and that he has all along hed his telescope trained the has relied the condit which monantous discovery was called HEAO-1, which sounds like a Liverpool fan chanting He-indive with a hot dog in his mouth, and staggets an even his mouth and staggets an even his mouth and at a pulling for the third place. I feel obliged to ask, as I have asked so often stad in so many contexts, the squestion that the constable of France puts the night before Agintourr, when the measured the gravid?"

My own researches, though

gravitd?"
My own researches, though I cannot maintain that they have been so entensive or prelonged as the NASA ades, suggest strongly that the mass of
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be more than 950,000 billion suns, and may well be as bitle
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though I shall no doubt be
accused of recking the scientific boat by doing so, I mum
point out that the measurement
of a cloud of gas having "more times the weight of the usual engines for such a vessel.

This factor, working on her already considerable reserves of stability and without the compensation of any substantiel top weight, does give her a quick roll period, similar to an unlades offishore supply boat. However, even the RN trials team were prepared to admit that her pitching characteristics were less than they might have expected and this is the factor to which the navy have always attached greatest significance.

It is, perimps, one of the story of the story of the story of this country if it covernment and the services are often resistant to new it as and changes in design. It point out that the measurement of a cloud of gas having "more mass than the mass of all the universe that we know today "is a complicated and uncertain matter. I used one of those flexible steel tape-measures that run back into the holder at the twick of a buttoil-usually, in my experience, taking off the bp of a finger as they do so and I claim so treat degree of attains to the steel of a sactificate for scientists are concerned (mough as a hatter of fact I am) to hotics that 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 a very round number indeed. To very round number indeed. To be, brutally realistic, it is so round as to strongly suggest that the man in the white cost charged with doing the colou-

However we now know that the Navy and Ship Department following a commoversial BBC programme and with the collusion of British Shipbulders and Defence Sales, have started a world-wide compaign against the Osprey which seems rather drastic.

Therefore, in order to clear the air and in the good old British tradition of fair play, I challenge MoD to produce the information from their model tests for open comparison with similar information on the Osprey Alternatively, after the precedent of Franklin D. Roose welt, there could be a Model Derby "the him may be sufficient to close the universe could be a Model Derby "the him may be sufficient to close the United States Navy): a simultaneous mist between the Osprey model and the models of her chief competitors. Indeed, as I write, a 37-foot model Leander Class Frigate is steeming out of Bembridge barbour as fi in approval of the idea. There is a lot at stake in this matter for the navy, the ship building industry and the country as a whole. It is about time is was brought out into the open.

David Laurent Giles

Director, Thormperoft, Giles and Associates

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what I have noticed that scientists have been tareful, usual to protect their reputions from damage in the eve of their prediction being fai fied. For the closing of I universe which they should be to the cloud bringing about it I going to happen, they point of it millions of years.

I for one cannot wait the long to see NASA get egg over its fach. And since similar astronomical anious, ments are illustrative acceptants. I have decided from it on to ignore the whole busines unless and until come solent the ineutralist appetitude if any searcher of the heave it willing their to put his Ale Centairs where his mouth is, an no less willing to similar basis as it forestold. If nor, I shell conclusion the individual in come to pass as it forestold. If nor, I shell conclusion the individual in their prediction amount to no more than a enormous cloud of gas, equ to the mass of all their prediction in any predictions out together is any than off. Hoyle:

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The Navy should be fair to the Osprey

Today naval design is at a turning point, as it was in the early 1900s; when the Dread-nought sprang from the great improvements in hull design, construction, propulsion and naval gunnery occurring in the Empire and the Kaiser's war-

ship building programme.
In the Dreadnought and the generation of naval designs which followed, length was the greatest factor of hull design.
Ev the traditional discipline of naval architecture the maxi-num practical speed of a ship is on average 1.3 times the share root of its length; speed was gained by length which in turn reduced a ship's tendency to pitch in a head sea and therefore a higher speed could therefore a higher speed could be maintained in a given sea state and with greater comfort. The power of armament was

a function of its weight and therefore the longer the ship the greater its armament could be; finally, length provided conomies of scale in a world hour were cheap and plenti-ful and in the longer ships it was possible to carry the crew, tores, fuel and ammunition recessary to defend the far Tung sea routes of the Empire.
Tence the day of the long ship:
The Ocean Greybounds'
beloved of generations of

Today many things have changed. The development of the guided missile means that the fire power of a ship is not a function of its size, but of the technology it carries.

Today many things have their sneed on being of very light displacement and narrow beam and this makes them uncomfortable and unstable in any more than a moderate see and Negful load. the technology it carries. Furthermore, the cost of a severely as to useful load, ship of traditional length such internal and deck space and as a frigate has risen by a fac-

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tor of ten, to about £100m, in as many years. Half of this is the cost of the hull; yet is is not even necessary to sink such a ship, but simply to stun it by a hit from a bond or a missile to render it about as useless as a Delek with a flet battery.

Thus, thanks to technology. inflation and the course of history, three arguments for traditional long strips here disap-peared: namely, their fire power, their comparative economy in relation to crew and cost, and the need for world-wide endurance.

and there is still the same need for speed in rough seas con-sistent with good seakeeping and crew comfort. The navy must still get there in time", with crews ready and able to execute their demanding tasks in wartime in the appailing con-ditions of the Northern Approaches, the Denmark Strait

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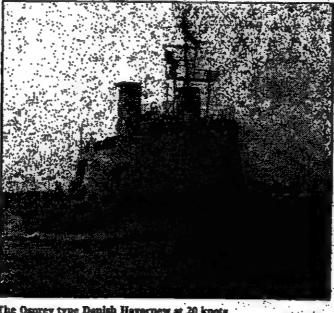
parents while their children are at school-as well as insuring the fees should the parents die before schooling

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spawned, but these only evade the real issues of ship design and the implacable demands of

The Osprey arose from our fescination by this apparent impesse. With characteristic his earlier 112ft. Azreca design for the Mexican Government in which the requirements were typical of those coming from the ever-growing world market for patrol boats for the newly declared 200-mile limits of countries with budgets as small as their coastlines are long. This dictates the greatest pos-sible number of ships, as fast great distances involved constent with seaworthiness and load-carrying capacity, and obtainable at the lowest pos-

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one listens to the Westland RN ships, MoD have applied engineers—pleasy of space for Lloyd and Andrew's yardstick. a belicopter. Alongside these MoD tests, similar tests have been under-

might have ruled out the advantage of an increase in internal volume or economy of construction by reduced performance. In fact this increase in beam actually seemed to improve performance and seale testing performance and seale testing performance and seale testing the ability of the new 165ft Osprey to carry much greater loads on such a hull, but without drastic loss of speed for a given horsepower compared with the FPB type of hull and without sacrifica of subhity.

The result of these measures is that the Osprey can carry about twice the load of her FPB counterparts but without any drastic reduction in speed for a given horsepower. This means she can be built in a relatively cheap, heavy and still can carry about 300 sons total fuel, water, furnishment and situres—an imperiod of billity for a 165ft fast "hull.

Her beam provides huge internal volume for any amount of equipment and a remanent, and—if

MOSCOW DIARY

A serious case of speculation

The little court-room looked like any ordinary Soviet office: the walls painted light green, the door padded to keep out the noise in the passage, three ceiling lights, double windows with a small ventilarion seciin open, a bare wood-en floor, Rows of benches began to fill up just before the hearing:

about 20 spectators, mainly women some were pensioners others, with gold teeth, black shawls and olive skins, had come up to Moscow from the south specially for the case.

A policemen, wearing the usual grey uniform and fur hat with the Soviet badge on it, went to the defendants' box at the side of the room, and rou-tinely ran his fingers round the ledge and under the seat looking for concealed weapons. The two lawyers sat at a table in the middle of the room, their brief cases open, talking to the prosecutor. Glancing in

a white shawl over her head, and kept her eyes down. Three young men followed her, and were shut in the defendants box. One policeman smood guard, and the others sat a few feet away.

Then the clerk called out "stand". The door at the end of the room opened and three men in suits came in and took their places on high-backed leather chairs on the dats. "The people's court of the Leningrad region is now in session", the clerk amounced.

session", the cierk amounted.

Everyone sat.

The charge was speculation.

It was the second day of the case, and the turn for the defence lawyers. The first stood up to argue that the case against his client. Viadinar. Troyanowsky, had not been proven. Speculation is a serious

offence in the Soviet Union.
Article 154 of the criminal code of the Russion Republic defines it as: "the buying up and reselling of goods or any other articles for the purpose of making a profit." of making a profit "
case against

their brief cases open, talking. The case against lives inseigner action was not the prosecutor. Glancing in Troyanovsky appeared arrong appeared from the country them in a low voice that there were foreigners in court today.

Then the defendants came in, escoured by air burly policemen. A woman of about 24 went first, a Chechea from Narayne Sadkia, who proposed table is Soviet shorts, and it was selling him boxes of lapanese impossible to know what the North Caucasus. She were scarves on the black market. real price should have been.

Troyanovsky nelephoned a friend, Jimaldayev, a young Chechen living in Moscovi. Jimaldayev said he knew two women from Greznyi, capital of the North Caucasus region, of the scarres. Proyanovsky proposed buying them for 9½ roubles each; Jimildayev would sell them to the women for 11 roubles.

On March 8, when all Mos-cow is on holiday celebrating International Women's Day, the two men were outside Troyanovsky's house, loading the boxes into a car belonging planting, that the police and flowers in them. The police man investigated, saw the startes, and found 13,000 roubles in the glove comparis ment of the car, they were all Troyamovsky's lawyer argued

Troyanovsky's lawyer argued that to show that the articles were actually bought. It was not known whicher the mysse tious foreigner who was apparently than arrested but perfect the case came to before the case came to policie the fawyer began to a superior train a good family his divoker stocked in the same policies. He had appeared to a special school for real pance should have been, bright chicken, and served in



All those years of liberal

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dey the judge and people representatives went out consider their verdict. The

the series with deaction, and was dring held are caused.

The regrences what he had done and had already served.

In norths in prison awaiting trial. The prosecutor had demanded the automatic penalty of five years curely he cold be set free now.

Innaldayer, a handsome young Chechen wearing a smart brown jersey, sat with his chin on his hand. His law yer tried to put all the blame on Troyanovsky. My client, he argued, had nothing to do with the scheine. When they all free on March 7, it was Iroyanovsky who had persuaded them.

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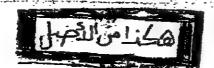
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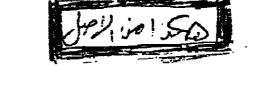
Soviet law, based on Rominate, the differs from Register law, differs from Register law, differs from Register law. moun term five years. He h

Ironically none of the five would have been even arreste in the west.

Soviet law, bused on Rome law, differs from British law: a few significant details, person's entire record is rec-out at the start of the case-not, as in British, after ti-verdict.

Although I did give the cou warning of my visit and left to the administrator to decic which session to visit, the ca. seemed to me a good illustratic Michael Binyo







A POSSESSION NOT A PROMISE

The gold price is remarkable of the increase in the price over situation. Under the pressure of historically for its long term half the value of all central bank domestic inflation and of the stability and recently for its shore reserves now consists of holdings world oil shortage, other people's term instability. Every schoolboy knows that the gold bezant gave the Byzantine empire, that ramshackle relic to which Gibbon devoted his later and less read volumes, 800 years of stable prices. It is interesting to note that the average earnings of an English worker in 1900 came to half an ounce of gold a week and that in 1979 after two world wars, a world slump and a world inflation, the British worker has average earnings of half an ounce of gold a week, so much

for the power of the trade unions. Professor Roy Jastram of the University of California has calculated, on an index with 1930 as 100, that the purchasing power of gold in England was 124.8 in 1600 and 129.2 in 1900. In contrast to these centuries of stability, the gold price in recent years has moved about in a breathtaking way yesterday reaching a new peak of \$4471 an

The purchasing power of gold is at present high by historic. standards. At any rate that is true in terms of the majority of commodities. However, the pur-chasing power of gold is not exceptional if measured in terms of labour cost or in terms of the price of oil. The recent movements of the gold price suggest that gold and oil prices have become closely linked at somewhere between seventeen and : ounce of gold. The present gold price movement seems to anticipate a further rise in the price of

Twelve-fold rise

It is not surprising that the gold price should respond to the oil price because both are commodities in limited supply. Gold, like oil, has probably passed the peak of its world production though, unlike oil, it is a virtually indestructible commodity of which much the greater part that has ever been mined still survives. There is only a fixed amount of gold in the world potentially available to be exchanged for oil; there is a potentially unlimited supply of currencies, and their value in terms of gold or oil has in most case ratifily oil has in most cases rapidly

in terms of dollars has risen by the fact that the rise in the value more than twelve times. Ar least of the gold reserve of the United that is one way of looking at it. Another way of looking at it is to say that the value of the dollar in terms of gold has fallen by more than 90 per cent in less than twelve years. At the beginning of 1958 gold played only a minor part in the reserves of the central banks. As a result civily accepted the reality of their

of gold, including well over 90 per cent of the value of the central bank reserves of the the future of independent United States. Apart from the nations, Currencies may be held proceeds of some swap agree-

ments, gold is all they have. It is perfectly possible that the gold price will again have a temporary fall at some point in the future as a result of world recession or of speculation boil-ing over. Yet the forces which have knocked the dollar down against gold are far stronger at the beginning of the 1980s than they were at the beginning of the 1970s. The world shortage of oil, the competition faced by American industry, the rate of inflation in the United States, all undermine the dollar now in a way they did not ten years ago. It would be difficult to find any plausible argument for supported plausible argument for supposing that gold will weaken in dollar terms in the 1980s.

The oil factor

Other currencies, the D-mark, the Swiss franc and the yen are likely to be used to diversify the dollar content of world reserves, yet neither Germany, Switzer-land nor Japan have any oil In a world critically short of energy no non-oil currency can have more than marginal importance for reserve purposes. It seems likely therefore that gold's share of the value of world reserves will continue to rise in the next decade.

There is a division between the function of money as a store of value and its function as a vehicle for transactions. Greaham's Law states that bad money drives out good, by which is meant that a man who has both bad and good money will keep the good and use the bad to settle transactions. In the 1980s gold is likely to remain the pregold is likely to remain the pre-ferred store of value and the dollar the preferred currency of circulation. Central banks already treat gold as no valuable to sell, and faced with a shortage prefer to pledge their gold and borrow dollars rather than sell their sold.

their gold. their gold.

The European Monerary System recognizes that gold has again become the reserve base of the world monetary system. This is still deeply offensive to economists and to the Since 1968 the price of gold United States Treasury, despite States has been an immense benefit to the American economy. Without the United States gold reserves the tollar would have fallen even farther.

It would be better if the United States and indeed the Interva-tional Monetary Fund now offi-

paper currencies have ceased to be satisfactory as a security for temporarily or for convenience, but it is no longer possible to make a realistic estimate of even their medium term purchasing power. We have reason to expect that the purchasing power of the dollar in 1990 will be well below its purchasing power today. We may suspect that it will fall by at least 50 per cent, which would represent compound inflation at just over a seven per cent rate. We may fear that it will not fall by more than 75 per cent, which would be compound inflawhich would be compound infla-tion at a 15 per cent rate. In holding dollars there is the certainty of loss, offset by the benefit of interest, but the scale of the potential loss is not predictable.

The American decision to block the Tranian dollar balances was

the Iranian dollar balances was not an unreasonable response to the threats of withdrawal of funds and the outrageous seizure of the American hostages, but it did take the process of decline further, it politicized the dollar. That decision made the dollar a reserve asset wholly conditional on the good will of the American government. Against the dollar gold has therefore two advantages. It is very unlikely that in 1990 the purchasing power of gold, which is scarce, will fall below its present level, and it is probable that it will be well above. it. Gold also is not political; it is a possession and not a promise. A government which owns an ounce of gold does not have to ask the United States or anyone else for permission to cash it-Gold is a national reserve no other government can inflate and no other government can block.

I wo questions

The gold supply is finite; that is its monetary significance. The oil supply is finite; that is its sconomic significance. Gold has, by intrinsic qualities and against current theory, resumed the dominant reserve role. That is fact. There are, however, two questions. Can the gold base be engaged in the systems in such a way as to bring world in-flationary expectations under control? The old gold standard achieved that down to 1914, for the reasons Ricardo mayar Cengold loans be used to di world interest rate competition? Gold loans naturally have low nominal and low real rates of interest. Gold has forced its way back in one of its traditional roles. Can we make use of it in other roles to help with other apparently insoluble world economic problems?

CAUTIOUS LIBERALIZATION IN BRAZIL

Brazil has changed out of all miracle" of a few years ago, recognition in the past few years. It is remarkable, in a country which has been under military rule for fifteen years, which was in many ways a pace-setter for orher South American regimes of a similar sort, and which only recently had a reputation for parricularly brutal repression, to have the President, himself a general physically attacked by an angry crowd and say after-wards, "This disturbance proves that there is really democracy in. Brazil ". It may not be everyone's idea of democracy, but it does show that there have been changes. In Brazil today strikes years have been allowed to return, and new political parties are being formed, even though the legal requirements are make

ing it difficult.
The rioting in Santa Catarina, where President Joso Baptista rigueiredo was given the occasion for that remark, was a sign that everything is far from well in the Brasilian economy. Inflation has been rising over the past year, and it is expected that it will soon reach 75 per cent. There are many millions. of Brazilians who gained little or nothing from the "economic

Threat to local democracy

Sir, I refer to your leader of December 4 on the draft Bill. You rightly

stress the point that local govern-ment is being freed from several

demiled, relegively insignificant, con-

trols but being progressively squeezed in a vice-like grip on policy

matters in central governments—or should I say the Civil Service—en-deavour for it to become their lap dog. No doubt even the most ill-

informed can see this blatant dis-

What surprises the is your statement that the proposed "unitary" grant, which changes the basis of government aid to local authorities.

does not strike at a councils' freedon to choose its own level of rates.
Of course, unimately, a local empority has power to declare a rate of

ity has power to declare a rate of any size, it has regard to the local needs of the area and the councilors' awareness of the ratepayers' ability to pay for the services. This is why we have councilors.

Now, by some magic, subjettive formula, central government will tell us all what the standard rate should be and what peeds we have. This

be and what needs we have. This sounds fine, but when represented

by single mathematical figures it

becomes very easy for people to believe that they are correct and that they do represent the huge dif-terences and problems experienced

regard for gress roots democracy.

From Mr John Luff

and they are beginning to make their protests heard. A recent blow has been an increase of some 58 per cent in the price of petrol made necessary by Brazil's dependence on imported oil. It was followed by the decision made at the end of last week to devalue the end of test week to devalue the druseito by 30 per cent, which will also have inflationary effects, though it should help Brazilian exports. So the Brazilian regime is faced with a potentially explosive situation, and it is clear that it is keeping a close watch on it as it pursues its policy of gradual liberalisation in the political

The policy began under General Geisel President Figueirado's predecessor, but has only really gained momen-tum since President Figueiredo took over earlier this year. It is carefully thought out, with the aim of ellowing a certain amount of protest and letting off of steam, but without enabling any serious filtreat to develop to the regime. It also requires skilful handling, because a middle way has to be steered between demands for greater liberalization and pressure from hardliners in the armed forces, all too

eager to clamp down again if things seem to be getting out of hand. There seems no doubt that President Figueiredo and many of his closest advisers believe that there is no way back to the repressive policies of the past, because it would simply not be possible to contain the wave of procest which would result. But the going is beginning to get rough now, and Brazil is not being helped by international developments such as the rise in the price of oil.

Since it was first installed in 1964, the Brazilian military regime has achieved a great deal in building up the country so that it is now an important presence on the world scene. It has begun some imaginative programmes like the use of alcohol from sugar cane for fuel. But it has not solved the basic problem of how to distribute earnings more evenly to the whole population, and that is at the root of the current protests. It is therefore important that liberalization should continue further, so that other voices are heard in the decision-making process and that eventually the possibility of a transfer of power, to a coherent opposition, should be admitted.

by such diverse communities as say Islington and Somerser. If either council then tries to depart from the published standard, up or down, there will be howle of

protest from some pressure group or other, is this standardisation the price we are all to pay to bring a few recalcitrant local authorities

into line?
What price councillors of calibre the furtire? Does not responsible local government deserve a better-fate them their with the effective responsibility of a jumped up parish council? If some of these ill devised policy courses are implemented, grass root democracy will bitterly regret the day. JOHN LUFF, Chelrman Finance Committee,

Tannyen Defining freedom

Somerser County Council,

From Mr. Ian Crowther Mr. While not wanting in the least to detract from Bernard Levin's actifique of contemporary reductions after reading his acticles. I was left in some doubt as to the alternative position he wishes to enjouse that positiviers of all per-strations summarily dismiss man's freedom as at best a children bligsion, at worst an obstacle to the "progress of the human species". it does not follow that anti-positivists should automatically welcome to their camp suyone who spours the rhemotic of freedom: otherwise those of us who, like Levin, have been inspired by Solzhenityn, would have to be equally hospitable to the type of libertarian for whom freedom simply means unrestricted homen volition.

Whatever else divides them, Gai Eaton and J. P. D. Bolton, from whose books Levin quotes, are united in seeing freedom as in a natural law to which all men, rulers and ritled alike, owe their allegiance. This idea of natural law is not reducible to human behaviour as measured by scientific enquiry but looks instead to human ends and purposes which transcend our inimediate

when transcent our immediate psycho-physical travings.

In Montesquiet's words, freedom can consist only in the power of doing what we ought to will, and in not being constrained to do what we ought out to will. We are the first in on the street out our sections in on the street out our free in so far as we act out our lives in accord with the ends appro-priate to our natures. No more than a train, a man is not free when he is off the rails. He is derailed.
Yours faithfully. IAN CROWTHER. 54 York Street, W1.

Sir, I remember the story I heard

years ago in Nigeria about the Govyears ago in Nigeria about the Govvernor's visit to a remote Nigerian
town. The banners were out to
welcome him. The first said God
save the Queen. Farther along, the
second said God bless the Governor.
Farther on, the third said God help
the District Officer.

Now in Rhodesia, if they han
out the banners to welcome Lord
Soames, they might well be:
God save the Dueen

God save the Queen

God bless the Foreign Minister God help the Governor.

Lord Soames in

Salisbury

From Lord Caradon

God help the Governor.

I suggest that there are too many wise guys telling the world about the obvious dangers. I trust that there are far more ordinary people wishing the Governor well and praying for his success in the interests of everyone, all Africa most of all.

There are plenty of timid commentators telling us of the risks. No one disputes that they are indeed dreadful, but no risk, I feel sure, would have been greater than the risk of doing nothing.

We have for a long time had to put up with lack of bold initiative in international affairs—in the Middle East and Cyprus, for instance. Now we may hope that the Commonwealth and British Initiative in Rhodesia will not only itself in

in Rhodesia will not only itself in the end succeed, but will also en-courage brave endeavours to escape from dangers and disasters else-Yours faithfully,

HUGH CARADON, House of Lords December 11.

From Mr B. W. Sudd, QC From Mr S. W. Sunz, QC.

Sir, it is greatly to be boosed that there will be no strengt to force through the changes in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia according to a rigid time-table, thereby ignoring the lesson of history. The last time this country sought to divest fiself of its responsibilities in such a way, the result was internal conflict involving militious dead.

was internal conflict involving milition dead.

I refer to the paration of the Indian sub-continent and the six weeks deadline for completion of this task. Sensitivity is not incompatible with determination.

I have the benows to be, Sir, Your and the statement of the continent of the continent

most öbediébt sérvint. B. W. BUDD. 3 Pump Court, Temple, EC4. December 10.

Britain's role in Iran From Mr John Watkinson

Sir, it is extremely difficult to divice exectly what rule Mr Temple Morris (December 7) thinks that Britain has

America is entitled to our fullest support in finding ways to obtain the release of the hostages; that But News see to consider the lon-ger term role of the West and Echain in Iran, then it simply won't do to brush under the carpet the excesses of the Shah, the herrors of Savak, and the blunders previously savax, and the blunders previously committed in Iran by the West. If that is done there is a danger that the West will make exactly the same mistake it made previously when the United States foisted the Shah back on the Iranian people, and then found itself trapped into supporting one of the most corrupt and savage regimes in the Middle Ram.

and savage regimes in the Middle Ran.

Mr Temple-Motris in a most oblique way suggests that Britain should stand ready to back the forces of opposition to the Aystolish. But it would be disastrous if we tied ourselves into a "Bay of Pigs mentality".

It really is time that we accepted in the West that the Middle East is not the plaything of the West. We have interests cannot be protected by any further imperialist dreams.

Countries in the Middle East must be allowed to find their own solutions to their problems. There may be a role as honest brokers but it should go no further than that. And this does not mean that the Middle East will fall under the sway of Moscow. Recent history shows that Moscow. has a miserable record in the Middle East.

Yours faithfully. Yours faithfully,

JOHN WATKINSON, 50a Shooters Hill Road, Blackheach, 5E3. December 7.

Prompt delivery From Lieutenant-General Sir John

Sir, Today I took the necessary documents for the renewal of my car licence to the local post office. A very polite young man examined the documents and said: "Sir, I am sorry I cannot give you a new licence as you have not given me the reminder letter from the

Vehicle Licensing Department."
"I have had no reminder letter",
I replied. "This year I have remem-

"I am' sorry, Sit, but you must produce a reminder leiter", he answered, "I suggest that the only thing for you to do it to write to thing for you to do is to write to reminding them to send you a reminder letter." Quis custodiet? JOHN COWLEY.

Sandy Down, Boldre, Lymington, Hampshire. December 7.

Milking the dairy

From Mr Tom Hey From Mr Tom Hey

Sir, Long ago the blue tits and great
tits leastly to pack through the
milk-bottle tops on the nation's
doorsteps. But our milkmen tells us
that they have now started alighting
on his cart as he goes his rounds
and hacking into the creamy layer
at the bottle top.

Une wonders if any other of the
later adaptations of these entermising birds remain unrecorded.

prising birds remain unrecorded. Yours, TOM HEY, Grave Cottage, Hedemere, Surrey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

masters dictating at will to its

It is a sad reflection on many

employers that they have acquiesced so willingly to the closed shop: it is convenience today not prosperity

And we should not be surprised that successive governments have

leant so comfortably on this weak crutch, for government is our largest employer and is as little concerned with its productivity as

Fortunately, public opinion in Britain has been alerted to the danger and seems to be moving rapidly shead of Parliament and

towards the European view of the trade unious.

Fortunately, also, reasonable solutions are available. One would be to permit the continued existence of a closed shop but to make its

legality subject to
if the trade union losing its power
to reject or expel members during
the currency of the closed shop
agreement, and

if the agreement establishing it being supported by an overwhelm-ing majority at secret ballot and being valid for no more than, say,

three years.
This would saleguard the indi-

This would saleguard the individual and, at the same time, render the trade union properly accountable to its members. With only one trade union to deal with, "orderly" industrial relations would not be impaired. And the trade union would be assured of membership so long as it could retain the favour of its members.

A small show of leadership in industrial relations and this Government could not only right a major wrong but also secure its own future. Open the closed shop now before it closes down Britain's industry finally!

industry finally ! Yours faithfully,

JAN HILDRETH, 50 Ridgway Place, Wimbledon, SW19.

tomorrow that moves them.

Opening the closed shop ments lose their power to act in the

From Mr Jan Hildreth Sir, Your leader on the Employment Bill (December 8) is welcome; it puts the role of our erring trade suffer more from the disputes of others. And, paradoxically, it threatens the whole future of the union movement in a calm perspec-tive of productivity, and it places the Bill in its corner as the very trade union movement; by granting the trade union a monopoly of membership it turns trade union leaders, who should be selected to serve the individual worker, into

little thing it is.

But where was the thunder so clearly demanded by your analysis? Surely, we must hestrate on longer but face up now to the monopoly power of our trade unions and the menace of the closed shop before this Government grows old and

With a refreshing boldness, the With a retreshing boldness, the Chancellor has already given back incentive to the individual to succeed, particularly in wealth-creation. This new stimulus should slowly permeate our society, recreating the robust attitudes to risk, profit and service to

customers we need.

But all will fail unless we dismantle the institutional barriers we manue the institutional carriers we have erected in the path to a more vigorous society; the weakness of competition, immobility of labour, pervasive state involvement, and above all the imbalance of power in industrial relations. This last is e most pressing. The dead hand of trade uniquism

has denied prosperity to industry after industry as management

has denied prosperity to industry after industry as management paralysis has spread. Industry after industry has had to shift its point of focus from customer to simployee; and we wonder why customers have deserted or, under menopoly, grown restive!

The closed shop is now the nub of the problem. As the bargaining strength of labour has grown, so the need for trade union organization has declined and power has shifted to the shop floor. The trade union establishment has retailated by concentrating its declining power over industrial production and its direct power over the Labour Perty to entrench and enhance its position. And in its struggle for power over members, the ultimane solution is the closed shop.

The closed shop is an unminigated will—for customer, management and worker. It encroaches on the freedom of the individual; the trade unions power to decide who shall and who shall not work will surely continue to be abused. It handless weight creation: management

surely continue to be abused. It handicaps wealth creation; manage-

Fees to overseas students

From Professor Max Beloff FBA

continued to behave as though they continued to behave as though they could cours on ever-increasing resources from central funds. Incolcally, the members of the board were always being asked whether accepting private funds would not subject this college to external interference. At the end of my time as Prinicipal, I can say that these feers have proved groundless. We have been perfectly free to make our own decisions including (interalia) fixing identical fees for all students of whatever provenance. Mr Roberts laments the lack of dialogue between the universities From Professor Max Beloff FBA
Sir, In his letter on overseas students feets (December, November
27) the vice-Chancellor of Southampion University wrote of "the
steady decline in the capacity of
the University Grants Committee to
serve as a cushion between the
Government and the universities"
as though this was surprising, But
it is at lette 12 years since I pointed
out in an article in Minerus that
while the UGC system worked well
which Chan'd government grants
yare only marginal to university dialogue between the universities and successive so we also got no bearing in the Shirley Williams ere, we find the present ministers accessible and men-minded. Perhaps the vicechance)lors would get a better re-ception if they could convince the ception if they could convince the Government that they share its overriding concern for the economic health of the country and for reforms of the educational system, putting the accent on quality. To borrow a favourite phrase of the Prime Minister's, if the universities want dialogue, let them first "put their house in order".

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to both claiment and defendant in the process.

The Royal Commission on Civit Liability shied away from no fault compensation. The Patients Association acknowledges the difficulty which such a system would present, especially determining eligibility and the financial cost to the community at large, but we believe that the interests of patients and doctors alike demand that a determined effort should now be made to solve them.

The doctor would not feel com-

pelled to fight the case in the interests of his professional reputa-

tion, regardless of the circum-scances of a particular case; the patient would not face daunting

costs (only the very rich or the very poor can embark on a legal case through the courts) and the frustration of not being able to find

medical witnesses to support his case against their professional colleague. Doctors are not the only profession where dog is reluctant to eat dog, but the results for the

claimant are likely to be more sear-ing than in other cases. Yours faithfully,

students, is associated in my mind

with tooth and claw and ravine.
I signed, as I would have signed had there been like rumour of drumhead courts-martial in the Salvation Army, or of a Friend being put to

silence, or of an agnostic being brought to apologise at the tomb of Legite Stephen, simply because I

felt an ordinary christian unbap-

piness on learning that this is yet a time when some gang may rouse itself, in the name of God, to harry

Professor of Theology, University of Kent at Canterbury.

any woman or man.

From Mr G. A. Elwes

HAMISH SWANSTON.

Yours faithfully,

December 6.

DAME ELIZABETH ACKROYD,

The Patients Association, 11 Destmouth Street, SW1.

when central government grants where only marginal to university linance, this would no longer be the case when the universities were becoming wholly dependent on them, and when they represented an important element in public expenditure. This view was ridituled by the university establishment in the person of Lord Ashby and a couple of years ago, Sir Frederick Dainton (chan chairman of the UGC) assured an international sudience that in Britain, public funding and university autonomy had been successfully and permanently combined. fully autonomy and been successfully and permanently combined.
When the platning board for an independent university was set up in the late staties, it was clear that it was necessary to experiment with alternative methods of university fibrance, but the universities at large Yours truly,

MAX BELOFF. The University College at Buckingham, Buckingham.

Damaged children

From Lord Allen of Abbeydule file, As you rightly say (December 7), the recent majority judgment in the Court of Appeal draws attention to the proposal of the Royal Commission on Civil Liability for special ereatment of all handicapped children, whatever the cause of their handicup.

The details of the Royal Commission's proposal are open to argument. But it is high time that the Government announced some conclusion on the principle under-lying the proposal. There is a wide gap in our present arrangements which ought to be filled in a compassionate society such as ours. Yours faithfully, ALLEN, House of Lords. Pécémber 8.

From Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd

Sir, The overturn in the Court of Appeal of the original award to a child born with brain damage high-lights the need for a better procedure for dealing with cases of medical injury than a suit for damages, which rarely succeeds and causes mental and emotional agony

Answering Vatican charges From the Reverend H. F. G.

Strangton

Sir, Various of your correspondents express some pained astronoment that members of the roman com-munion should have appended their names to the letter you kindly printed concerning Professor Schillebeecks and the erstwhile Holy Office. Perhaps I may elucidate a little my own conviction that any christian, roman or otherwise, should, as soon as asked, join in such a remonstrance.

I certainly did not suppose that by eigning I signified any great cuthusiasm for the theological en-terprise of Professor Schillebeecky. I find his work to make, generally, rather dull reading.

Sir, Of course no one would refuse the Church its right and duty in its clarifying and protective role in matters of dogma-what is being now questioned is its manner. John Bull (no stranger to The Times) has always been wanted in the force of Nor did I think that I was making Nor did I think that I was making homoever small an attack upon the bulwark of achieved doctrine. The claims of those who would be recagnised as guardians of a deposit of faith have indeed their interest, but it seems to me of greater importance that Christians should hold themselves in readinage for a few supprises when the always been uneasy in the face of conunental-style judgment by secret ribunal, and had a "weakness" for "fairplay". ness for a few surprises when the Lord shall come again. Yours, etc. G. A. ELWES, Wenborough Manor,

Not find I sign with any thought of natural justice. That virtue, which evidently has some popularity now among professors as well as Guildford. Surrey.

Taxing high pay increases wider interests of the company and

From Professor A. M. C. Waterman Sir, Lord Kaldor may well be right in saying (December 5) that a general increase in indirect texation would probably accelerate, rather than reduce the rate of wage inflation. But whether his own suggestion would do much better

is another question.

The proposal to discourage high wage settlements by levying "a special tax on increases of income special tax on increases of income over the previous year "was first advanced by a rolleague of mine at the University of Manitoba some ten years ago. After a brief discussion it was rejected by North American economists and policy makers for two reasons which, it woud seem to me, are quite as likely to apply in Britann.

in Britain.

1. It would not work, "Trade union negotiators" and the workers they represent are not so easily deceived. If they know in advance that any increase they get will be taxed, say, at 50 per cent, they will demand twice as much as they would otherwise have done in order to achieve their target increase in real income. For many years now unions have very sensibly adjusted their nominel demands to allow for expected increases in the price level. No more sophistication is required to do the same with respect to an

No more sophistication is required to do the same with respect to an expected tax.

2. Even if it did work it would be inefficient, or unjust, or both. Unless patterns of demand and relative costs of production remain unchanged from one period to the next, it is desirable that relative prices, including relative labour prices, including relative labour prices, should be allowed to change in a manner that induces the appropriate reallocation of resources. The efficient working of a market aconomy may well require from time to time that workers in a particular industry should receive a wage increase larger than Lord Kaldor's x per cent. For those who believe that Britain can afford to ignore such valgar, American cohcerns as efficacy, the matter of justice would remain. Unless cociety is agreed that the existing structure of relative incomes is as fair as we can hope to get, it follows that some workers ought to get larger increases next year than others. But if nurses (for example) need more than an x per cent increase to bring their salaries into line with the public's perception of justice, then it makes no sense to tax that increase at "punitive rates".

Yours faithfully,

"punitive rates".
Yours faithfully, A. M. C. WATERMAN Maurice Reckitt Visiting Fellow, Professor, University of Manitoba, School of Social Sciences, The University of Sussex,

Arts Building, Faimer, Brighton. December 5.

Labour Party objective From Mr John Let

Sir, Bryan Magee (December 8), a thoughtful and serious-minded MP, and others who think like him seem entirely to forget just why the Labour Party came to be a government perty. This happened basically for two reasons: firstly because in the years before the turn of the century, the Liberal Party ignored the political aspirations of working class people. Secondly, because the Liberal Party, despite the undoubted radicalism that is manifested in many fields, shrank in power from the scale of government intervention in the accountry (measurable). tion in the economy (necessarily including much nationalization) without which real, and permanent, social justice is not possible.
Since 1918 the Labour Party has

been unambiguously committed to public ownership; and anyone joining it since then must be presumed to know this. There may, and indeed certainly should, be arguments within the party about the correct speed at which this can be done. There can be none about the objectives tives, since that argument settled long ago. Yours etc.

JOHN LEE, 75 Palewell Park, SW14. December 6.

The last goodbye

From Group Captain R. B. Ward

Sir. With regard to Mr Mansbridge's letter, in yesterday's Times (Decembett 41, we have a card which has been going backwards and forwards between us and great friends, since 1957. It has been to Peru, Rangoon, Moscow, Cuba twice, and is now hetween Fairlight and Odiham, but the nostage now costs a mod deal the postage now costs a good deal more than the original card did. Yours faithfully, R. B. WARD, Stonelynk Farm,

Hastings East Sussex.

No change

Sir, I read in your article of December 7 on the new Post Office payphones that these new devices would not necessarily be able to give back the correct change. The reason the Post Office gave was that "no successful change giving machines have been invented ".

come across tram fare machines and also machines in car purks which were successful in giving back the right change. If the Swiss can do it, why cannot

we: Yours faithfully, JOHAN WITT.

Sir, So God chose Mozart to speak to Man? No wonder He's not get-ting through. He might have done better with Mantovahi, better still with Herb Alpert and his Tijuana

Yours truly.
PETER NICHOLS.
60 Albert Street, NW1.

From Mr Johan Witt

I would like to dispute this, as on recent trips to Switzerland I have

Astor College, Charlotte Street, W1.

God's messenger From Mr Peter Nichols

Brass (fifty million copies sold).
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By Clifford Longley

The Apostolic Delegate in London, Archbishop Bruno Heim, has circulated a memorandum

in ceply to criticism of the pro-

cedure being followed in Rome in the case of Professor Edward

Schillebeeckx. He is the Pope's personal representative in Great Britain, and the memor-andum is the first official reaction to the evidence of

growing public concern about

Professor Schillebestkx, a leading Roman Catholic theo-logian, who is based at Ni-megen University in Holland.

has been summoned to appear

has been assessors appointed by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to explain

his writings on such subjects as the Virgin Birth and the

Resurrection.

If his treatment of such subjects is considered out of line with church teaching, he could

he publicly condemned as no longer a Catholic theologian. The memorandum is being sent out from the Apostolic Delegation in Wimbledon in

response to letters expressing

Religious Affairs

Archbishop Heim answers critics of doctrinal 'rebel'



COURT CIRCULAR

December 11: Mr R. J. Langridge
was received in audience by The
Queen and kissed hands upon his
appointment as Her Majesty's
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary at Antananarivo.
Mrs Langridge had the honour
of being received by The Oncor Mrs Langridge had the honour of being received by The Queen. His Excellency Signor Roberto Ducci and Signora Ducci were received in farewell andience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquisting his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Italy to the Court of St. James's.

The Queen gave a luncheon for The President of the Republic of Liberia and Mrs Tolbert at which The Princess Margaret, Coursess Liberia and Mrs Tolbert at which The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present. The following had the honour of being invited: the Hon Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf (Minister of Finance), the Hon D. Franklin Neal (Minister of Finance), the Hon D. Franklin Neal (Minister of Finance), the Hon D. Franklin Neal (Minister of Finance), the Hon Charles A. Carke (Minister of State without portfolio), Mrs Agnes Cooper Dennis (Wife of the Minister of Foreign Affairs), the Hon A. Benedict Tolbert (Chairman, Foreign Affairs), the Hon T. Siala Sherman (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Hon T. Siala Sherman (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Hon T. Siala Sherman (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), His Excellency the Liberian Ambassador and Mrs Dennis, the Lord Prity Seal and the Lady Caroline Gilmour, Lieutenant-General Strjohn and Lady Read, Sir David and Lady Steel, Mr J. G. Doubleday, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Mackenzie, Mr and Mrs Adam Thomson, Dr and Mrs W. M. S. West and Mr and Mrs E. W. Wright.

A Guard of Honour found from Wright.
A Guard of Honour found from
The Queen's Guard, provided by
the 2nd Battalion Coldstream
Guards, with The Queen's Colour

Birthdays today Sir Kenneth Blackburne, Major-General Sir Rupert Bra Major-Ceneral Sir Kupert Balact Creagh, 70; Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, 85; Mr John Osborne, 50; Mr Frank Singure, 64; General Sir Norman Tallyonr, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, 72,

Appeal fund to mark former Dean of York

It is proposed to provide a new sanctuary in the Lady Chapei of York Minster as a memorial to Dr Alan Richardson, Dean of York from 1964 to 1975. Dr Alan Richardson, Dean of York from 1964 to 1975.

Before going to York, where he devoted himself to raising funds for the Minster's restoration, Dr Richardson had been Professor of Chrisdian Theology at the University of Nortingham.

An appeal fund with a £5,000 target has been opened. The sponsors include the Archbishops of York and Canterbury; Lord Halifax, High Steward of York Minster; Lord Normanby, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire; and the Lord Mayor of York.

Contributions may be sent to the Dean Richardson Memorial Appeal, Barclays Bank, Parliament Street, York Yol 18D.

Today's engagements
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucesher attends reception given by
Mayor of Kensington and Cheisee, Kensington town hall, 9.15. The Duchess of Kent, as president,

presides at congregation of awards at Royal Northern Col-lege of Music, Manchester, 1. Exhibitions : Ingres Drawings, V and A Museum, Cromwell Road, 10-5-50; Michael Werner, Amely

Juna Fine Art, 11 Tohenham Mews, 10-6; Steven Ounam, Seen Gallery, 39 Paddington Street, 10-6-30; Sir Rowland HIE, National Postal Museum, chief post office, King Edward Street, 10-4-30.

Talk: Heston airport, cantre of information 1929-1978, by Colin Mannon, Museum of London, 1.10.

Lanchtime music: Bow String Quarter, St James's church, Gar-lick Hill, 1.05; Petronella Ditt-mar, soprano-volin, and Austrew Bail, piano, St Martin-within-Ludgare, 1.15. Family Carol Concert with Plymouth Clarlon male voice chor, the Reydon Singers and Burington school band, Sherwell United Reformed Church, Plymouth, 7.30.

Cational Cactus and Succellent Society, slides, camera chub headquarters, Well Lane, Steep Hill, Lincoln.

demorial services: Sir Norman Kipping, Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, 11.30 am; Mr C. U. Peat, St Lawrence Jewry-Carl-Guldball, 12.15 pm.

equiem Mass: Major-General G. M. Dyer, Westminster Carb-edral, 11.30 am.

5 years ago rom The Times of Monday, Dec 3, 1954 mprisoned airmen

Inprisoned airmen

In Hammarskjöld's request to
eking for personal discussions
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her the support of the free world.
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and accompanied by the Band of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battallon, under the command of Major Edward Windsor Clive, was mounted in the Quadrangle.

The General Officer Command—The engagement in the United Drums Prince Faher bin Taine County of the Command—The engagement in the County of Faher bin Taine County of Faher Service Faher Faher

The General Officer Commanding London District (Major-General Desmond Langley) and the Field Officer in Brigade Watting (Colonel Samuel Gaussen, Welsh Guards) were present.

The Queen invested The President of the Republic of Liberia with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George and The President presented to Her Majesty the Grand Collar of the Most Venerable Order of Knighthood of the Pioneers of

of Knighthood of the Pioneers of the Republic.

The Right Hon Margaret Thancher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen white averther.

had an andence of the queen this evening.

The Prince of Wales visited T.I. Raleigh Industries Ltd., Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham today.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Banquet given by the Lord Mayor and City Council of Nottingham, at the Council House, Nottingham. The Prince of Wales, attended Mr Oliver Everett, travelled in

by Mr Oliver Everett, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Lady Rose Baring has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. KENSINGTON PALACE December 11: Princess Alice Duchess of Gioucester, Air Chief Commandant of The Women's Royal Air Force this afternoon visited Officers and Airwomen at The Ministry of Defence. With

half.
Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
The Duke of Gloucester attended a Juncheon and presented the Conoco Jet Motoring Writer Awards 1979 at The Savoy Hotel, London. Lieutenent Colonel Simon Bland

TORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 11: The Duke of Kent
this morning visited the Bridsh
Tourist Authority Offices at
Marylebone Road and Queen's
House, St James's Street. London.
Captain John Treadwell was in
attendance.

A memorial myles for Mr Charles Urie Peat will be held today, Wath-nesday, December 12, at 12.15 pm, at St Lawrence Jowny next Guild-hall, London, EC2. Luncheons

Lord Greenhill of Harrow enter-tained members of the Kensington and Christa Chamber of Commerce

Law Society
Mr John Subbings, President of
the Law Society, was host at a
function held yesterday at 60
Carey Street. Among those present

The Marquess of Landowne, chairman of the Franco-British Society, and the executive committee gave a luncheon party for representatives of the branches and affiliated societies at the Basil Street hotel yesterday.

Building Materials Export Group Building Materials Expert Group Lord George-Brown was the prin-cipal guest at the annual Imcheon of the Building Materials Export Group held at the Savoy Hotal yesterday. Mr Robert Taylor, MP, chairman, presided and the guests included the Korean Ambassador, Dr Pyo-Wook Ean, the Earl of Limerick, Mr John Stokes, MP, Mr G. S. Kidd and Mr Richard Hermon

Reception

Americation
Mr Robert O. Anderson was the guest of honour at a reception given yesterday by the Chicago University Aumini Association at the Royal Commonwealth Society. The guesta who were received by Sir Robert Shone and Dr S. D. Malaiperuman, included Sir Alexander Oppenheim, Mr Kemneth Harris, Dr and Mrs Christopher Snow and Professor and Mrs Kenneth Shone.

Dinners

Corporation of London gave a dioner at Mannion House yesterday in honour of the President of Liberia and Mrs Tolbert. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayorea, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their tadies, received the guasts. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Memisine and Lady Technic, the High Commissioner for The Gambia and Mrs Remagn. Jumph. the Ambandar of Sement Jumph. the Ambandar of Sement Jumph. The Ambandar of the Mrs Mathin, the Ambandar of the Commissioner for the Mrs Mathin, the Ambandar of the Commissioner for the Mrs Mathin, the Ambandar of the Commissioner for the Mrs Mathin, the Ambandar of the Commissioner for Mrs Debrit, the Libedia Ambandary and Mrs Debrit.

Bishop of Brentwood resigns

Memorial Service

Army scholarships

appointed.

Bishop Casey, who was ordered priest on June 3, 1939, served at assistant priest at St James's, Spanish Place. In 1963, the late Cardinal Heenen appointed him Vicar-General of the archdiocese of Westminster. Two years later he became auditary bishop to Cardinal Heenen and served until his manufation to the see of Brunfood.

In 1976 he was elected enjaconal

In 1976 he was elected episcopal secretary to the Rishop's Conference of England and Wales.

Prince Faher bin Talmur Alseid and Mrs P. Abbott-Davies The engagement is announced between Sayyid Faher bin Talmur Alsaid of Muscat, Sultanata Asaid of Museat, Sultanate of Oman, and Virginia Merry Abbott-Davies, of Hyde Farm House, Roade, Northamptonshire, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John Williams Wynne, of Peniarth; Tywyn, Wales.

Mr A. W. P. Comber Miss C. J. Biles The engagement is autom between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs A. S. C. Comber, of Hongkong, and Caroline, younger daughter of the late Mr D. J. Biles and of Mrs Biles, of Farn-borough, Kent. Mr D. Hearn Miss M. C. Schift

and Miss M. C. Schift
The engagement is announced between Derek, son of Mr H. Hearn and of Mrs G. Stratton, of Tring, Herifordshire, and Miranda Caroliste, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Schiff, of Langton Green,

Mr A. E. P. McNaught
and Mist G. Locallott
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, son of Mr and
Mrs E. A. McNaught, of Manor
Farm, Southwood, Glestonbury,
Somerset, and Georgina, daughter
of Mr and Mrs J. Kovadlott, of
Forest Hills, New York. hr M. D. Sadler and Mrs C. C. Herbert Is amounced between Malcolm Devid, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. D. Sadler, of Dumbleton, Gloucestershire, and Claire Christie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. H. B. Herbert, of Tutbury. Staffordshire.

Marriages

MRTHESES
Mr and Mrs D. Ebbett.
The marriage of Mr and Mrs
David Ebbett, of The White
House, 12 Grove Road, Northwood, Middleses, which cook place
on December 5, 1978 will be
solemnized by a Noptial Mans on
Thresday, December 18, in the
Chapel of Linie Sisters of Jesus,
Lordon SWE

Mr J. Scholes The marriage took place at St Joen of Art's church, Farzham, on December 8, between Mr John Scholes, of Farzham, and Miss Margaret Chiverton, of Wizi-

Canning House
Viscount Caldecore, president of
the Hispanic and Luco Brazilian
Council, was host at a dimner
given last night at the Hyde Park
Hotel in honour of Letin American
Ambassadors. The other guests
included.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries

rod Attendent atoms The President of the Institute of ar Gullahall. The principal speaker was Mr Nicholas Goodlson, chairman of the Stock Exchange, who proposed the toest to the institute, to which the president repiked. Alderman Sir Edward Howard, accompanied by the Sheritis, represented the Lord Mayor, Guesta included ambassedors. senior representatives of the Civil Service and government departments, financial insulations

Sociaty of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dimar of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders held at Grosvenor House last night. Sir Barrie Heath, president of the Society, presided, Annual night. Sir Bartle Hearn, pressure, of the Society, presided. Among

Pope John Paul II pesterday amounted his acceptance of the resignation as Bishop of Brent-wood of the Right Rev Patrick wood of the Right Rev Patrick Cessy.

Bishop Casey, who is aged 66, has been Bishop of Brentwood since 1969. In a letter to his priests the bishop said: "I believe the Goosse deserves and needs a pastor young and vigorous enough to face the challenge of the 1980s and beyond."

Although he has resigned from his diocesur responsibilities he intends to continue church work in a post of lesser responsibility outside the diocese. He will remain

Science report

Transplants: Risk of cancer quantified

A memorial service for his renging the Church of All Hadlows-by-the-Church of All Hadlows-by-the-Church of HM Customs and Excise, read the lesson and Mreter Cutting, Chief Investigation Office. Date an address. By Our Medical Correspondent
When a patient is given a transplant organ such as a kidney his body's normal response is to breat the graft as if it were a dengerous invasing microorganism. That immunosuppressives is mobilized, forming antibodies and profilerating white blood cells, and in othing is done to stop their response the transplant organ is destroyed.

That process of rejection can be prevented by treatment with drugs involved as incommand action of the body's lower movimizately, like all powering the normal action of the body's lower professive included in the standard organ in the patients which the normal action of the body's lower professive included in the patients to a whole variety of infectious; and they also seem to horresse their risk of developing some forms of cancer.

That last risk, cancer caused by readment with immunosuppressive drugs, is worrying to doctors and Army Scholarships have been awarded to the following:

G. J. Allitrey, Enn. C. S. G. C. Atkinson, Buss. C. J. P. Berrett, C. J. Allitrey, Enn. C. S. G. C. Atkinson, Buss. C. J. P. Berrett, Ampletorth C. D. G. Benyer, S. Easex Sixth Form C. R. A. R. Boyte, S. Easex Sixth Form C. R. A. R. Boyte, S. E. E. C. C. Amplen, Danning, S. E. L. Champion, Danning, S. E. L. Champion, Danning, S. H. L. Champion, Danning, S. C. R. R. C. R. A. C. B. C. R. A. R. Boyte, M. S. Cockeroft, Enryew S. C. R. E. C. R. Mariboroush C. A. S. C. R. S. C. R. Mariboroush C. A. S. Dichason, Mishworth S. Halliar, S. D. Dunkaroth, Wellington C. C. R. E. Ramilton, Solbruid St. J. G. Harrison, Brighton C. F. B. Clariman-long, Permount C. J. J. B. Kenny, Wellington C. F. Lowis, S. Dunesin's C. J. S. Samos-Mendaudt. Bishopahait S. Hillingdon: M. E. Munray, Wellington C. R. E. Nugeo, Rudley C. J. C. Perry, Aldenham C. T. W. Rewe, Upompham S. F. J. Provinni, Selection C. F. T. S. Samos-Mendaudt. Bishopahait S. F. J. Forder, Lord Wandsworth C. W. C. Taylor, Lord Wandsworth C. W. C. Taylor, Lord Wandsworth C. R. C. R. C. Taylor, Lord Wandsworth C. R. C. R

Latest Wills

Thorn, Mr Arthur William Frank.

of Beer, Devon, left £98,951 net.
He bequeathed £12,500 to personal legatess and the residue to Beer congregational church.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid, tax not discheed):
Chappison, Mr Wallis Jackson,
Cax, Mr Alekander Thomas, of voor and land Latest wills

Eumpton, Middleser, £134,016. Cax, Mr Ernest George, of Brigh-ton, Intestate, £214,514. Ritson, Captain Gerald Anthony Morley, of White, Survey, Hubert, of Carlisle, chartered sur-

veyer and land agent, £198,923.

Vatican seeks to clarify writings teaching of the church as pre- jective responsibility of the sented by the Magisterium." author. If it transpares that the sented by the Magisterium." suthor. If it transpires that the (Magisterium is a Roman author has given an opinion in Catholic term meaning the official doctrinal voice of the Magisterium, then be will thurch).

It goes on: The subject matter of the enalysis are (sic) the writings published by the author, and not the intentions of the church.

matter of the englysis are (sc) the writings published by the enthor, and not the intentions of the church. "If on the other hand he and personal responsibility of the author himself. At this first stage, in seeking to discover what the writings actually mean to the public, the procedure is best kept confidential. This is maintains a position outside this doctrinal structure, and has this doctrinal structure, and has no mind to change, it is en obvious consequence that he can no longer be regarded as a true. Catholic theologism and son of the church.

"He may indeed concious to teach his even ideas but the to protect the writer who, if invited to Rome, will at once be incorrectly considered to be personally under examination. teach his own ideas, but the public, and especially members of the church, have the right to know that he no longer speaks in accordance with the church's "It is not necessary to know the intentions of an author in

order to essess the objective impact of his book. He may express himself badly, may not have wished to imply all that doctrine. The pestors of the church have both the right and dury to state this clearly." can be deduced. But this conduty to state this clearly.

The memorandum ends by deckring that freedom of research into new expressions of the faith could not be separated from the duty of the sheologism to respect the rights of the faithful to know what the church's doctrine is. It is the "proper right of the church's pestors to indge writings and teach the faithful."

Architector Helm is also cerns his subjective responsi-bility and not the objective interpretation put on his words by his readers.

If from this first stage

Archbishop Heim is informing critics of the Sacred Congregation that their comare being passed on to

serious doubts or reservations arise, then he will be called upon to clarify what he actually intended. This would only be the case if the Sacrad Congregation jodged that the text did not easily admit of an interpretation within the teaching of the Magisterum."

From his second stage two ling of the affair.

It appeals for "clear thinking" about those procedures,
which is designed "to see
whether the content, especially
where interpretation is difficult,
which is accords with the

"Lucerne" by William Callow is from the col-section of English drawings and wherecolours. which Christie's are offering for sale comorrow and on Friday, The collection was formed by the late Norman D. Newski, of Newborough,

consider it the finest collection of Second World War. The 250 works include such famous names as Turner, Girtin, Bonington, Cozens and Cotman.

Anglo-Saxon manuscript Joint winners of police staff departments, functional institutions and professional institutions trebles estimate at £52,000 college award The annual prime day was held at the Polica Staff College, Bramehill yesterday, when Professor, James Fawcatt, Professor of International Law at Eing's College, London, and President of the European Commission of Human Rights, addressed the college on Human rights "and presented the prises to the special course. In the presence of an invited sodience of governors, chief officers and distinguished scademics, the Association of Chief Police Officers' silver tipture for the student considered the most ourstanding on the crosse in all fields was won jointly by C. J. Gray (Randcomb College and Trinity C. Oxford) of the Dyfad Powys police, and C. Cramphorn (Strodes Crampars School, Egham), of the Survey Constabulary. C. J. Gray also won the professional studies prime and with C. Cramphorn shared the academic price.

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A record of rural life in AngloSaxon times, the farm accounts
of Ely Abbey, written in AngloSaxon at the bagaming of the
eleventh century, was sold at
Socheby's yesterday for 25,000
(estimans 215,000-220,000) to
(marinth, the London designs.
It was sent for sale by Queens
College, Cambridge, It is a onepage vellum manuscript and
electribes the goods supplied to
Thorney Abbey by Ely Abbey.
At some time, probably in the
sixonentic cammy, the meanuscript
was qut into three strips. Two
strips were discovered in 1902, in the
College Bhrary; the third strip
reappeared in the 1920s in the
collection of a Lincolnshire
enriquary.
Sotheby's sale of Wessawa manuscripts and ministances intalled
220,170, with every lot finding a
buyer, likeier Elm, a Durch design;
paid: 520,000 (estimans 220,000
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dating from 1490, with four fullpage ministances and 13 half-page,
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Other prisawinners were: A. Jones (Barry Comprehensive and Lancaster Polytechnic), S Waley police; S. P. Ewerson (Rothwell Grammar), W Yorkshire Metropolitan Police; and J. M. Dixon (Barrow Grammar), Metropolitan Police.

Police.
Thirty-nine officers successfully completed the course and received cartificates.

Letnet appointments include:
General Sie Jark Harman, Deputy
Supreme Affied Commander
Europe, is to be chairman of the
executive committee, National
Army Museum successing the late
Sir Genald Templer.
Mr Andrew John Collier aged 40,
to be chief education officer for
Lancastire from January 1, successing Mr Courad Rainbow, who
is retiring.
Mr Angus Striting, deputy secretary general of the National
Trust, to john the board of directors of the Royal Opera House,
Coven Guiden Ltd.

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from June 1, 1980.

Mr John H. Duff, aged 39, to be
rector of Kelvinside Academy,
Glasgow, succeeding Mr Colin

J. R. Mair, who it retiking at the
end of the 1980 summer term. Mr Peter Cooks, aged 52, to be Administrator of Oxford Regional Health Authority, succeeding Mr Donald Norton; who retires next May.

Mr John Bradburn to be a bank-ruptcy registrar of the High Court from Jamssey 7, succeeding the late Mr Registrar Dearbergh. In addition he will be Clerk of the Restrictive Practices Court and legal visitor of the Court of Properties.

OBITUARY LT-COR PETER ROBERTS, VC

Lieutenant-Commander Peter Roberts, VC, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for a notable feet of bravery while serving in submarines during the Second World War, died on December 8 at the age of 62. Peter Scawen Waitinson Roberts was born on July 17, 1917 and entered the Royal Navy in 1935.

From the submarine service and he was serving as a lieutenant in HM Submarine Thrasher on February, 16, 1942 when, in broad daylight she attacked and sank a heavily escorted Axis transport off Suda Rev. in and the was serving as a lieutenant in HM Submarine Thrasher on February, 16, 1942 when, in broad daylight she attacked and sank a heavily escorted Axis transport off Suda Rev. in an analysis of the more as as Thrasher's present the more as as Thrasher's present the more as as Thrasher's present the second bomb, to reach which they had in crawl on their bellies through the crawled and the as Thrasher's presence act transport off Suda Bay in enemy occupied Crete. Thrasher was occupied Crete. In a share we immediately engaged by enemy surcraft, and amisubmaring forces with bombs and depth charges. She dived and evaded to be a share the charges are the charges. these ettackers but when she surfaced after dark and began to roll in the swells, two unexploded bombs were found inside

land was well known to the enemy, whose patrols were notified 24 hours of the day. Neither man was under any like sion that were the submarine his be attacked she would have a trash dive with them trapped in the casing. Had this high pened both must have been drowned.

In the event the two homosy In the event the two bonnes were safely disposed of Thrasher was able to dive again and both men there awarded the Victoria Cross. ploded bombs were found inside the built casing, the structure, forming a flar deck, on top of the watertight pressure hull.

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Officer Thomas William Gould again and both men lens again and both men lens worded the Victoria Cross.

Roberts served throughout the bombs which were of a type unknown to them. There was great danger in particular, in repred.

MR LESLIE DOW

Mr Leslie Dow, FSA, who died on December 4 in his eighty-first year, was a well-known figure in East Anglian historical and antiquarian circles. He was president of the Suffolk institute of Archae-ology from 1958 to 1965 and for blogy from 1898 to 1898 and 10; editor of its Journal, the Pro-ceedings of the Suffolk Insti-tute of Archaeology, a role in which he maintained a reputawhich he maintained a reputa-sion for meticulous accuracy and a high standard of scholar-ship. In 1958 also he became the founder-chairman and inspiration of the Suffalk Record Society and deputy-chairmen of the Suffolk Records Committee. He was a member of the St Edmundsbury Diocesan Ad-visory Committee for the Care of Churches, and was for thirty-years on the Executive Com-mines of the Suffolk Preservation Society. Keenly interested tion Society. Keenly interested in natural instory and particularly in bird life, he was from 1982-62 a member of the Council of the Suffolk Naturalists Society and for twenty five years on its Editorial Committee. He was also a member of the council of the Harleian Society, a national specialist body renowned for its publica-

Society, a national specialist body renowned for its publication of original materials on hersidry and gemeology.

Leslie Dow was born on July 21 1899, only son of Roderick. Dow. His great-grandfather had established in Oporto the firm of port wine, shippers which bore his name, but Leslie did not go into the business, which had passed out of family control. He nevertheless inherited an educated paleta and relished the rare vintages in his small but excellent callar.

Educated at Reppon, he saw

but excellent cellar.

Educated at Repton, he saw war service in the Royal Horse Artillery and after the war returned to Trinky College, Cambridge, where he read first medicine and then economics

for scademic distinction. 1922 he went to Ceylon as a sea planter and in 1924 married. in Colombo, Nora Ruth Dur Incher, In 1933 he was in Soufi Africa in the tea exporting hugh-ness but after three years re-fixned to England and settled in Suffolk.

Leslie Dow was regarded his an authority on many especies of Suffolk life and history, but particularly on its churches and genealogy. He had a deep increase in heraldic matters and in historical genealogy, re Decreed in his membership of the Council of the Harleiss Society, His own published work was chiefly in the form of notes and articles on heraldic manuscripts, month-ments hatchments and other ments, hatchments a such masters, published in Notes and Queries, the Procee ings of the Suffolk Institute, the Archaeological Journal and various Aldeburgh Festival various Aldeburgh Festival
Programmes. Of special notes
are his editing and seeing
through the press for the Harileian Society (1959) of Edward
Elmhirst's Collection of Marhants Marks; his transcription
and publication of the Suffolk
Committee Book (of which he
owned the manuscript) which owned the manuscript) which appeared as part of the volume. Suffolk and the Great Rebal-Hon, 1640-1660, published the Suffolk Record Society.

Leslie Dow was an imposing men, handsome, strongly built, with a next pointed beard, humourous eyes and an attractive smile, He enjoyed nothing more than good conversation with friends, liberally spiced with argument and anecdote. He had a strong sense of humour, accepted uncritically the weaknesses of his fellow-himan beings, and was a good fistener, sympathetic and atter-tive and eager for all kinds of

telested stamplechase rider than is survived by his two sons.

MURIEL BELCHER

A friend writes:
Merriel Bricher, who died recemby after a prolonged Hines, founded and presided for more than chirty years over the Colony Room in Soho During these years the club became a heren for all kinds of people, some of whom would cartainly have never come together in the same room; under any other chromateness.

Born in Birmingham of Born in Birmingham, of Jewish-Fortuguese parents, she started the Colony Room-on her own at very small premises in Dean Street in 1948, its membership gradually expended into a unique cross-section of society, and included some notable peinters, a few peers, er least one famous composer, many other benefit on the famous composer, many other many o painters, a few peers, at least

MR ANGUS GRAHAM

SIR JOHN LAWES Sir John Lawes, Bt, late of the Sudan Plantations syndicate, died on December 9, at the age

died on December 9, at the age of 81.

The elder son of the third baronet, he was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, and served in the First World War. He was twice married and a succeeded in the baronetcy by the son of his first marriage. Mr J. M. B. Lewes.

Granada Television

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Restrictive Protection of the Court of Protection.

In the obstuary of Mr Reginald Mondling in our Supplement of Rovember 19, 1973, we referred to a tostile television programme which compelled him to sue (successively for libel." This action of Defence Studies is Restrictive for libel. This action compelled him to sue (successively action of the Loyal Edward Gueritz, aged 60. He has been acting director since October, 1978. Formed he was communicated of the Joint Wardare Establishment at Old Sarum, Wittshire, before retaining from the Royal New after 37 years in 1973.

stongue sometimes wickedly funny. Francis Bacon, who loved her, has marvellously conveyed in several psimings her extraordinary looks, and Michael Andrews made two notable pictures of groups which included her in the club's given interior. He also painted a marsa siter Boanard on the wall.

Benestin her syowedly mercanery priorities lay a rich straum of kindness. For many years the raised money for a school for children suffering from muscular dystrophy, every one of whom was generously remembered on its birthday. This was as important to her as anything else and there were many other beneficiaries.

She will be mouned by all her membership for her wit and style, and also for her dignity and goodness, which though earlier sometimes in doubt, became more and more discounible as her true essence.

A correspondent writes:

Mr Angus Graham, FSA, was
the last of a small band of
eminent scholars whose researches on ancient monuments in Scotland evanued the translation.

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in Scotland evanued the translation. Apart from his work in building up the Commission, he was a prolific writer, producing a wide variety of archaeological papers on copics as diverse as prochs, Roman roads, medieval carvings, post-Reformation tombstones, and old Scottish harbours, as well as several novels based on his experiences in French-speaking Canada. Many of his archaeological papers were the result of original field-work, and all were models of exposition, lucidly and economically written.

A man of wide learning, an economically conversationalist. Apart from his work in buildsearches on ancient monuments in up the Commission, he was in Scotland spanned the transition from the world of the gentleman antiquary to that of gentleman maiquary to that of the gentleman maiquary to that of the gentleman maiquary to that of gentleman maiquary to mai

BRIGADIER

D. V. TAYLOR

Brigadier Donald Vernee Taylor, CBE, FDS, who has died aged 70, but been Consulting Dennal Surgeon to the Army 1958-1967, and also consisted as a beneister during that period.

Educated at Derby School and Manchester University, he became a lieutenant in the Army Denial Corps in 1936, and served in Main and North Aimea in the Second World War. He reached the rank of Brigadier in 1966, the year before his retirement, and was become the retirement and was become University Dental Surgeon to the Queen 1961-1967. He was admitted to Lincoln's Inn in 1961.

Major General Mervyn Savile Wheatley, CR, CRE, from 1954 to 1957 Director of Signals and Signal Officer in Chief, War Office, has died at the age of

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BUSINESS NEWS

Stock markets

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- \$447.25 an ounce up \$15.75
- 3-month money

IN BRIEF

3-tier market now being considered

Proposals for a three tier tock market were considered y the Stock Exchange Council y the Stock Exchange Council-esterday. These were part of a aport on limited listing under he Stock Exchange's Rule. 63(2) prepared for the council, y a committee headed by Mr. harles Eglington, a partner of Jaroyd & Smithers, the stock-obhers.

ions by the committee are exonce Exchange today.

One suggestion is that the tree tiers envisaged could be or very large companies (posibly the top 200 in terms of narketability); all other ublicly-quoted companies; and third "over-the-counter," der or companies who are presently ctracted by dealings under tule 163 or alternatively to the ver-the-counter market run by d. J. H. Nightingale & Co, the

5.5m China deal

Babcock Product Engineering Babcock Froduct Engineering
of Crawley, Sussex, has won a
5.5m contract from China for
he supply of coal pulversing
uills, equipment and technology. The main components
will be made and assembled at
he Babcock Renfrew plant,
while Babcock-Bristol and Babcock-Morey of Gloucester will. cock-Moxey of Gioucester will upply other instrumentation. Delivery is expected to begin a August, next year.

US order for Marston Marston Radiators, the IMF subsidiary, has won the first component contract to be placed n the United Kingdom by the 18w Volkswigen of America ompany. Marston wil he sup-lying heat exchangers to be itted in United States-built air onditioned Volkswagen cars and said the contract value was kely to xceed \$2m (nearly 1m) next year.

Aluminium stocks fall World aluminium stocks, inluding primary and secondary tetal, finished produces and trap, fell to 3.4 million tonnes t the end of October compared ofth 4.1 million tonnes a year arlier. The International Priary Aluminium Institute said hat primary metal inventory. tood at 1.5 million tonnes at he end of October against 2.1. milion tonnes a year ago.

27m contract

Sovis Gammon has won a 27m contract to act as contruction manager for the first wo phases of the £125m Horg-ong-United States Asian Trade entre being built in Oakland, laifornia: The company has seen formed by Bovis Inter-ational, Gammon Properties of fongkong and other overseas

Accountants lose case Peat, Marwick, Mitchell the countants have lost their ppeal to the West German ederal High Court, against a uling that they must pay £1.3m a damages for "misleading adice " to a German company artly owned by United Drapery tores. Pear's lawyers are con-idering a further appeal.

MS decision delay

Mr Geoffrey Howe, the Chan-ellor of the Exchequer, told oreign journalists Britain was nlikely to take an early decis-on on joining the European fonetary System.

New guidelines further restrict NEB's control of **British Leyland**

Industrial Editor

New restrictions on the National Enterprise Board's continual Enterprise Board's control of the funding of Eritish Leyland were amnounced by the Government yesterday.

Set Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, also took steps to prevent future investment by the NEB in industry unless it is accompanied by private investment. The board will be required in sell its shareholding portfolio as soon as practicable to the private sector.

tor. The changes in the board's operations were contained in draft. guidelines published by the Department of Industry yesterday. Much closer consultation between the board and the Secretary for Industry is envisaged.

envisaged.

The draft will be closely discussed by Sir Keith and Sir Arthur Knight, the new NEB chairman, who has already expressed concern over the proposals. The whole question of the funding of the motor group is in doubt because the NEB is not anthusiastic about continuing to monitor responsibility for BL. The new board bility for BL. The new board is also anxious about Government scrutiny of the NEB's inadium-sized companies, and wants further discussions of its role as a "stimulator" of investment in industry.

The guidelines substantially contail the NEB's scope of operations—in line with the provisions of the Industry Bill now before Parliament—and lay great emphasis on disposed of shareholdings.

Sir Keich has defined the extent of the board's "catalytic." investment role, which will be restricted to companies

iyit." investment role, which will be restricted to companies in which the board elegady has an interest, or to these engaged in the development of edvanced technologies. The board will also be able to help investment in the expirate in companies in the assisted areas of England, and may help small firms in areas of high unamployment.

able period, and it should also

vate investmen. The NEB will not buy voting shares or stock withour prior assessment or stock

The guidelines make clear that, in the case of an invest-ment made at the request of the Secreary for Industry, funding will be met by the Secretary. On disposals — where the board is expected to raise over £100m from the sale of its holdings in Franti, ICL and Fairey Engineering — the guidelines say the board will be required to have regard to the interests of the company, but "shall not refrain from making a dis-disposal merely to help the board meet their financial duties."

The board will be required to seek the highest price and well also have to secure the ap-Secretary for Industry, funding

will also have to secure the approval of the Secretary for Ini-dustry before disposing of vot-ing shares or stock. Ministerial approval will not be required for disposals involving less than team on

The guidelines add that loans or guarantees of more than 15m cannot be made without Sir Kaith's approval. The exception is BL, where the NEB may, without requiring the Secretary of Stare's consent, "make loans, provide guarantees or make any other form of financial com-mioment within a limit of £25m for each project.

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ment i prespect of RL exceeds film, the board will give the film, the board will give the Sacretary of State reasonable notice of cheir extension. In all cases which in the judgment of the board present novel or eignificant policy lestes; the board will give the Secretary of State reasonable notice of their intensions to give him the opportunity to extervene."

Under the guidelines, the board will be required to submir an investment programme

On investments, the guide already in parested, new invest-lines state: "Before acquiring means, greater private involve-securities or making loans, the ment, the prospects for the dis-board shall satisfy themselves posal of companies.

board shall satisfy themselves posal of companies. That the requirements of the large properties of th

Bid for trucks plant fails

Mr David Brown, the York- director of DJB Engineering of shire businessman who wants Peterlies Co Durhan, said that to buy BL Vehicles, had his despite rejection of his prophopes deshed yesterday when possi the meeting had been the company's senior executives southwhile. "It may be that told him they had no insention that is the suid of the matter, of selling Mr Brown, managing and it may not be." he said.

BSC to cut steelmaking by 30 pc

The British Steel Corporation together with its associated secretary announced yesterday processing facilities, or maintaining from and steelmaking taning iron and steelmaking out a much reduced level almountained to the steel of the steel nes a year to 15 million tonnes, at which level it reckons both homeand overseas sales should

The new plant at Redcar/ Lackenby on Teesside, where a new 10,000-tone-a-day blast fur-nace was recently commissioned, will be built up to an annual capacity of about 3.5 million tonnes a year.

plants at Sheffield will be operated at a similar level. At Scunthorpe on Humberside, production will be cut to 3 million manes a year while the extent of future of iron and steelmaking at the Welsh plants of Llanvers and Port Talbot will be theselying at the complex.

will be thesubject of consulta-tion with the unions.

Various options are being studied, including the total closure of one of the two plants,

a much reduced level amounting to about 2.75 million ton-

development at Ravenscraig will be operated at 2 million

to close permanently with a combined loss of 4,600 jobs. If the phasing out of steelmaking is agree dquickly there will be a further reduction o flabour required in the corporation's rolling miles across the country and discussion on these closures or partial closures will begin next

fied that the cutbacks, which it wants completed by August, 1980, will be sufficient to assure

terday, however, that the drive was essential if the corporation

was to lift its productivity to the levels achieved by its major European competitors.

The corporation will attempt to improve productivity through

de-manning at local works level and improve levels of flexibility the steelworking Charles Villiers, BSC chairman, said that the corpora tion was now et a critical point in its 12-year life. If it did not tackle the problems with vigour

wither, because customers would turn to imports rather than pay the unnecessary costs of over-capacity, over-manning

and a sense of reality it would

practices.

Our Labour Editor writes: hammediately of the BSC autounce.

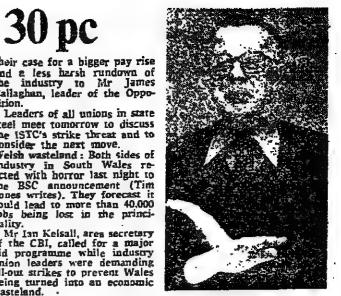
over the month.

Callaghan, leader of the Oppo-

steel meer tomorrow to discuss the ISTC's strike threat and to consider the next move. Welsh wasteland: Both sides of industry in South Wales reacted with horror last night to the BSC announcement (Tim Jones writes). They forecast it could lead to more than 40,000 being lost in the princi-Mr Ian Keisall, area secretary

of the CBI, called for a major aid programme while industry union leaders were demanding all-out strikes to prevent Wales being turned into an economic wasteland.

At best, the BSC announce-ment means that 10,000 steel jobs will be lost, with 7,000 miners thrown out of work and



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Sir Charles Villiers: Steel corporation now at a critical

Markets encouraged by limited growth in money supply figures

Preliminary banking figures released by the Bank of England yesterday suggest that the growth in sterling M3, the broad-based measure of money supply, may have been little more than 1 per cent in the five weeks to November 21. This compares with sterling M3 graveth of almost 2 per cent in growth of almost 2 per cent in the previous month.

Although growth of this order would still leave the money supply growing faster than the Government's target, the signs were taken as reasonably encouraging by financial mar-kets yesterday.

Gilt prices moved ahead throughout the day, with long-deted stocks finishing with gains of more than 100p. Near the close of business, supplies of short/medium "tap" stock, Tressury 15 per cent 1985, very declared exhaumed.

of £1,039m in the Consolidated Fund was, if anything, rather smaller than expected.

In spite of the fact that November carred the impact of October tax rebates in the form of smaller PAYE payments from employers to the Inland Revenue, PAYE transfers were still relatively buoyant. In addition, Inland Revenue receipts were helped by Petro-leum Revenue Tax payments some £277m higher than in the same month of the previous

which was reduced by £105m by the initial payment received on the sale of EP shares and by a further £22m from other share sales, was rather higher than in November 1978. Comparisons of monthly figures are, however, largely meaningless this year as a result of the tax changes. For the first eight months of

the present financial years, the CGBR totalled £8,431m against the full year forecast of £9,564m. Akinough the total will continue Markets were also reasonably to rise in December, there will bappy with official figures above—be a sharp reversal of the position after the New Year as the rowing Requirement (CGBR) of Government moves into the peak 1,690m in November. The deficit of the tax-gathering season.

slower monetary growth banking figures showing a further sharp growth in the banks' eligible liabilities the vast bulk of their sterling deposits. These grew by 1.9 per cent

There are, however, a number of factors which mean that this growth will not flow through to sterling M3. These include offsetting transactions between the banks and the dis count houses, changes in the switched position—the net foreign currency liabilities—of the banks, and any rise in non-resident holdings of sterling de-

Figures from the London clearing banks suggest that private sector loan demand remained fairly strong, though the size of the increase in advances at £463m was well below the previous month. The rise in base rates will start to curb lending before long, though it may well be that per-sonal borrowers will take little notice of the high cost of loans in the run-up to Christmas.

Government to limit North Sea oil output

Production of North Ses oli is to be controlled so that ex-ports will be limited to conserve supplies for Britain's future use. Details have yet to be worked out but the principle that oil production levels are to be deci-ded by the Government repre-

policy over the past decade. Net self-sufficiency in oil for Britain will be reached late next year. Production would rise, if the Government imposed no controls, to a fevel allowing exports of around 30 million tonnes a year, equal to a third of Britain's requirements, in 1985.

developments in British energy

This is because imports of oil into the EEC are affected by the level of North Sea oil production. A reduction in import levels could be used by Britain's EEC partners, it is felt, to put pressure on the United Kingdom to increase its oil output.
At the IEA meeting on

Monday and at an earlier meeting of EEC energy ministers in Brussels, Britain agreed it servation policies would export five million sary even if the extraction policies.

All the comments made by

suggest that figure will be the maximum to which a depletion policy will be aimed. What might upset these calculations is a strong further deterioration in the balance of payments increased production. tion in the balance of pay-to urge increased production for economic reasons. Until recently there was concern that the effects of a

marked reduction in North Sea production on oil company earnings would have long-term disadvantages by discouraging future exploration. But the rise in prices since the troubles in Iran has so transformed North Sea profits

as to reduce such fears considerably.

According to guidelines laid down by Mr Eric Varley as Secretary of State for Energy during the Labour administration, few controls may be placed on the rate of depletion before, 1982.

Production, however, could well rise above the level of net self-sufficiency before then. Increasingly the Government looks prepared to bring in con-servation policies when neces-sary even if the effects are to reduce the expected level of oil

Eight Iranian loans under scrutiny by bank syndicates

By Ronald Paller

Banking Correspondent

Discussions are continuing this week between Chase Manhaten and the other banks in-volved in eight syndicated loans to frantism stree organizations to determine whether the loss should be declared in default.

abould be deceared in ceraust.

Representatives from banks involved in a \$300m loan to the National Iranian Gas Company and a \$250m facility to the Telecommunications. Company of Iran met in London on Monday but no decision was taken on whether the loans should be called into default.

A inchanges at Chase, which

loans, emphasized yesterday that this should not be interpre-ted as a decision not to take

other loans, including one of \$310m to the National Petroleum Company and three sep-arate loans totalling \$420m to the Industrial Credit Bank will take place over the next few

days.
Unlike the \$500m loan to the Imperial Government of Iran, which was declared in default two weeks ago because of tran's failure to meet an in-terest payment, there is no clear majority of United States banks in these loans.

For example, of the 29 banks

Japanese and most of the others European, sithough & is not known how much of the loan each bank has and this is what each bank has and this is what determines their voting power. European and Japanese banks, worrisd both by the effects a wholesale default would have on the interactional banking system and the future of their oil sup-plies from Iran, are understood

to be keen to give Iran more time to explore other ways of meeting interest payments frozen in the American banking Banks in London were also

keen to play down reports, stemming chiefly from Iran, that they were being obstruc-

front claim by the Iranian central bank, Bank Markazi, for the return of \$50m blocked in Citibank's Paris branch now looks to be set for a lengthy legal hearing.

Benkers in Britain are swaiting the outcome of the writs from the central bank for the return of deposits of more than \$3,000m frozen in the Loudon accounts of five American banks. The first writ is due to be answered by Chase by the end of the week and the other

tive in channelling payments four at the beginning of next from consuming countries to week. Court move: Bank of America the largest bank in the world

> trol over Iranian assets frozen in the United States. It has filed for an attachment of \$337.1m in loans, letters of tredit, and other assets, plus interest at the rate of \$112,158

has become the latest financial institution seeking to gain con-

Lawyers said the action was a result of the repudiation of foreign debts by Iran. The Iranian government and 38 banking commercial and government concerns were named as

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Govan yard chairman dismissed

Govan Shipbuilders on Clyde-side. It is undergrood that Mr. Gilchrist was asked to resign but refused.

He has been replaced by Mr.
Eric Mackie, managing director
of the state group's ship repair
division. Last night British
Shipbuilders declined to explain Shipbuilders declined to emplain the change in leadership.

Mr. Gilchrist's departure to incided with the long-awaited announcement from BS that the Govan yards had won an order for two 26,000 dwt "Cardiff" class bulk carriers. The order is worth about £18m, and will qualify for about £4.5m in subsidy from the shipbuilding intervention fund.

The ships. for an unnamed

The ships, for an unnamed British buyer, will be built at the extensively-modernized Fair-

field yard.

Last night, Mr Gichrist said: "This is one of those things; least said, somest mended. I have enjoyed my years of Govan very much in-

British Shiphuiders has every success in what will be summerally dismissed Mr Archi. a difficult job in the future. Bald Cikhrist from his post as than and chief executive of Govan Shiphuiders on Civde. Mr. Gilchrist, 49, became managing director of Govan Shipbuilders, which was salvaged after the collapse of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, in 1971. He ceases to be a director of the company and its subof the company and its sub-sidiary Scotstoun Marine

sidiary Scotstom Marine.

His successor, Mr Eric Mackie, started work in the drawing office of the Harland & Wolff yards in Belfast. Recently he returned from working in South Africa to take charge of BS's ship repair yards. Yesterday, Mr Mackie travelled north to Govan with Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Shipbuilders.

Mr Casey said that the "Cardiff" ocder would bring much-needed work to the Fairfield yard and indicated BS's determination to provide a future for the yard. But he gave a warning that BS backing, as for all yards, depended muon newformance. upon performance. Yesterday, he met representatives of the Govan workforce who wil be involved in monitor-

different, but at the same time with the fiswood of the Christ-

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created problems...

productivity is achieved and that the restructuring now under way is satisfactorily com-

Italian creates an ice cream Plum-duff

The workforce at the Govan yards, which last year incurred a defict of £13m, is being cut under the national reorganization of shipbuilding, from more than 5,000 to about 3,200. Already 800 jobs have been shed. The new orders were desperately needed to provide continuity of work for the workforce.

if men are not to be made idle at the yards soon. Work on the new contract is expected to start soon after the men return from their new

Workers are completing the last of the series of vessels built under the controversial Anglo-Polish shipping deal and have a little offshore work in band. More orders are needed



missal not explained

Delays is announcing the con-firmation of the order for the "Cardiff" bulk carriers the thirtieth and thirty-first of this class to be built at Govan—had raised fears that shop stewards would come under pressure at the yard to oppose redundancy year holidays; it is understood that steel for the vessels has already been ordered.



Interim Report

UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS

	6 months ended	6 months ended	Year anded
	30th September	30th September	31st March
	1979	1978	1979
	£'000	£'000	£'000
TURNOVER	759,000	135,000	277,000
PROFIT before charging :	14,353	11.419	23,827
Depréciation	(1,922)	(1.458)	(3,072)
Interest Payable	(4,659)	(2.496)	(6,309)
TRADING PROFIT Share of Results of Associated Companies	7,772	7,465	14,446
	1,500	496	1,008
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION Texation	9,272 (3,196)	7,960 (3,290)	15,454 (1,965)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION Minority Interests	6,076	4,670	13,489
	(93)	(110)	(246)
PROFIT ÁVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	£5,983	£4,550	£13.243
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE	10.5p	8.2p	23.3p

The half year's figures confirm the indications given in the Annual Report and include an exceptional contribution from the Associated companies in the Far East. The Group's trading has continued to be satisfactory in October and November but the full figures for the second half year are bound to be affected by very high

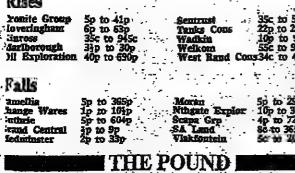
The dividend on the Preference and Preferred Ordinary shares for the period absorb £5,000 (1978 £5,000).

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 2.25p per share on the Ordinary share capital, which will absorb £ 1.285,000 (1978.2p per share which absorbed £1,124,000). The interim dividend will be paid on 31st January 1980 to those shareholders on the Register on 10th January 1980.

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PRICE CHANGES

A rival for the Christmas pudding Britain's traditional Christmas pudding has a rival. It is the Ice Cream Christmas Pud-"with the taste of brandy, run, fruits and spices", is the creation of Mr Gibo Franco, a second generation Italian ice cream seller and restaurateur, whose family business has so far invested some £5,000 in the Norway Kr. 11.30
Portugal Esc. 112.00
South Africa Rd. 1.52
Spain Pta. 150.90
Sweden Kr. 3.65
USA \$ 2.23 Mr Franco said: "The idea occurred to me three or four months ego. I thought that we should be said to produce something that was lighter and

With experts from the Stafford company of Temple Essences, Mr Franco began experimenting with a variety of flavourings and frains. Mincoment presented a difficulty in the sarry days. The ener and bits of fat, would not translate to translate to translate to translate to translate to translate. to ice cream very estimactorily, Mr Franco said. flavouring was finally achieved,

however, and the next step was "We knew that we wanted something dark, and we tried various combinations. The trouble is there is no permitted black colouring that we could use, but eventually by using carenal we achieved the darkness and the flavouring we wanted." Mr France said.

After producing half a dozen pudding prototypes, Mr France

fect combination. The one litre sized pudding fits nearly into the traditional two-pound basin, with a finish-ing touch of chilled rumflavoured sauce. According to Mr Franco the pudding looks so much like plum-duff that he feels that

housewives attempting to steam it in the oven. To my knowledge this is the first time that anyone has produced an ice-cream-based Christmas pudding, he said. "We had it on exhibition at the National Ice Cream Conference and Exhibition at Black-pool at the end of October where it was favourably

there could be a danger of some

Peter Hill



Prime rate rises to 19.5pc in Italy

Italy's prime rate has been raised by three points to 19.5 per cent, after last Wednesday's increase in the discount rate from 12 to 15 per cent.

At the same time, the Italian Banking Association widened the differential with interest paid on current and deposit accounts.

In a move expected to arouse protests from account holders, it announced an increase of only .75 per cent to take effect on January 1. The maximum payable on large accounts will now be 11.5 per cent.

ENI finds gasfield

ENI, the Italian state hydro-carbons corporation has an-nounced the discovery of a commercial gasfield, named Port Corsini, 80 miles off Port Corsini, 80 miles off Ravenna in the northern Adri-atic. The field is expected to yield over 300 million cubic metres of methane a year.

Toronto plant closed Pilkington Glass Industries is closing one of its two Toronto plants permanently, which will pur 400 employees our of work. The closing comes after a 16-week strike which cost the company \$C16m (abour £6.5m).

Jobless rate steady There were 76,000 unem-ployed in Sweden last November, 1.8 per cent of the total labour force of 4.29 million, says the Central Bureau of Statistics. This is largely unchanged from last October when the figure was 78.000.

European currency

The European Economic Community commission is pro-posing to use the ECU (Euro-pean Currency Unit) for all community activities.

Bankruptcies up

Japanese corporate bank-ruptcies in November increased to 1,682, up 11 per cent from 1,515 in October and up 13.4 per cent from 1,483 in the like verr-earlier month according to a private corporate credit Teikoku

Establishment of new union unlikely to avert fight over membership

Stage set for bank staffs recruitment war

The decision by the staff associations of three major London clearing banks to merge and form their own union brings into sharp relief the philosophical differences between them and the main TUC-affiliated union in the industry.

Industrial relations in the banking industry have been chaotic since the anking Insurance and Finance Union (formerly NUBE) abandoned joint negotiating some two years ago in protest at the lack of movement towards establish-

ing a single union. BIFU, as a member of the TUC, is interested in recruiting as many members as possible from the staff associations at Barclays, National Westminster and Lloyds. The amouncement on Monday that the associations had decided to merge to form a new Clearing Banks Union, with 93,000 members, is an attempt to fore stable a recruitment war in banking and finance between BHU and Mr Clive Jenkin's Association of Scientific Technical

and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS). The staff associations have been reluctant to affiliate to the TUC, although they were prepared to do so if BIFU had been ready to accept in its entirety the second report by Dr Tom Johnston, which pro-posed the creation of a new TUC-affillated mion for the whole of the banking, insurance and finance field.

Dr Johnston, who has been trying to unravel the complicated union scene was insistent that a new union could work only if it was affiliated to the TUC.

This gives rise to scepticism in banking circles that a new Clearing Banks Union which obviously could not be affiliated is unlikely to have long before it is picked off by the TUC unions.

There is also disagreement on what form a new umbrella union for the industry would take. The associations wanted to see a federal structure with strong in house representation, which would receive its own income and be affiliated to a Clearing Banks Union, BIFU wanted e more unitary structure with policy autonomy at different levels.

The staff associations were prepared to

accept in full the second Johnston report, drawn up in October. However, BIFU wanted to set up working parties to examine questions of detail, while accepting the six major principles embodied in the report.

To the staff associations examination of detail meant renegotiation and while they may, as a last resort, have been prepared to go along with this, as a "gesture of goodwill" they asked BIFU to rejoin joint negotiating machinery, which BIFU

The stage now appears to have been set for BIFU and ASTMS, which has a significant membership in the Midland Bank, to fight each other over the staff associations, with the possible outcome that the two unions may each pick up one of the associations, with the third finding

place wherever it can.

Meanwhile the luckiest bank of them all is Williams and Glyn's, which negotiates only with BIFU—and is the envy of the world of finance.

Heavy plant makers stung by allegations of poor performance

A row over the alleged poor of three of the industry's lead-performance of Britain's heavy ing fabricating companies: plant makers has broken out between the industry's leaders and one of their biggest cus-

Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, to monitor the "performance versus promise" of British and foreign suppliers on a number of projects in a move to refute recent criti-

The row comes at a time performance in general and its when the industry is seeking performance on five projects government assistance in its worth more than E3m in parattempts to win much-needed

ing fabricating companies; Northern Engineering Industries. Babcock International, and Davy, will be meeting Sir Keith Joseph to discuss pro-

Plant makers have been stung by what they describe as a public onslaught and thrashing from an executive of BP Chemicals, who complained about their delivery performance in general and its

Yesterday Mr Harry Hornsby, director-general of the Process Plant Association, said that these harsh criticisms were followed by allegations of conflict between clients, contractors and suppliers in Britain. These are denied by the association.

Mr Hornsby said: "I have spoken to BP and they have nor been prepared to identify the projects or the suppliers to enable us to investigate their complaints and the reason behind them. Itis not, therefore possible to arrive at anythin constructive out of this state

Chrysler-no aid yet from French

Mr George Turnbull, former managing director of British Leyland who now runs Chrysler UK, the loss-making subsidiary of Peugeot Cirroen, has delivered a warning on output to his 20,000 employees engaged in the final stages of vital pro-

ductivity talks. "We have to make it ourselves. I cannot get any invest-ment from the French until we improve productivity to meat their targets, and we need that investment urgently ", said Mr Turnbull.

This weekend the redundancy are falls on 1,250 men at the company's Linwood, Renfrew-shire plant as well as 250 staff

Mr Turnbull said yesterday: "Crucial discussions are under way in all our plants on pro-ductivity. We are looking for a 25 per cent improvement and I'm pleased to say that in the

main the men's attitude is extremely encouraging.

"We are offering a reward for more productivity; for instance the men at Ryton could get another £8 a week. But this is not just a question of money. The all-important issue is the men's attitude to

"They should be asking themselves, 'Is the job worth having and if it is they should prove it by earning more money under the incentiv escheme we have put to them.

Mr Turnbull added that he made it absolutely clear that there would be no phoney productivity deals. Chrysler, which is being renamed Talbot next month, will sell about 150,000 cars in

Britain, about one-third of them imported from Chrysler's Fernch, Spanish and Irish Mr Turnbull is setting his

sights on 200,000 a year and would like to assemble a far bigger proportion in the United

"We ought to be good for £30m a year profit, atthough it may take a year or two. On the other hand it must be made absolutely clear to everyone in this company that Peugeot this company that Pengeot Citroen will not invest good money after bad and if they pull the plug out we shall go down the sink", he said. Sinking Ships: Sir Barrie Heath, president of the Society of Motor Manufecturers and Traders and chairman of GKN, said last night that clinging to outmoded manufacturing processes and manning levels in the British motor industry was like clinging to a sinking ship.

like clinging to a sinking ship.

The keys to future prosperity were improvements in produc-tivity and labour relations, he told the SMMT annual banquet-in London.

David Felton **Aston may** make offer

for MG cars By Edward Townsend Aston Martin Lagonda, the leader of the consortium which is investigating the purchase from RL of its MG cars subsidiary, could be making an offer within the next few weeks. offer weeks.

From Mr J. D. Rimington

Sir, I can follow your correspondent Mr R. S. Musgrave
(November 30) when he suggests that boosting training can
be an inefficient way of meeting a skills shortage problem
and also that employers looking in a hurry for skilled
labour are always likely to
find difficulty even if there
are vacancies registered with
the public employment service.

Good skilled workers are also The consortium has held dis-cussions with BL executives and it has been given access to financial and other data on the MG operation at Abiogdon. Aston Martin said the talks had been of a meaningful nature. Considerable progressized been made but it was considered premature for either

party, to make a public state-"The next key point will be very early in the new year when we have assimilated and analyzed the information to determine our stance."

The possibility of the purchase became more uncertain this week when BL's Austin mortis amounced that the Cowley-based export packing department would be switched to Abingdon and that a specialized vehicle unit would be established at the MG factory. All the buildings at the MG site would be used.

Although the consortium has been investigating possible factory sizes for building MG care, it would be most interested in a deal which included telesower of the Abing-

Astom Mertin discounted suggestions that the Massey-Ferguson factory at Kilmarnock in Scotland, which is to close in February, could be the new home for MG sports cars. The company said the factory was the subject of "a whole host of options" considered before discussions with BL reached a datasted stage.

The MF plant, which has

The M-F plant, which has a workforce of 1,500, as to close after a decision to switch harvester production to France. The plant is modern and has a good industrial relations

strated that the problem facing industry has not been lack of capital but rather lack of profitable investment opportunities. ment is vital but before advocating policies to increase it one

Robertson is right in positing out that the proportion of owner-occupation is lower in West Germany, France and Holland than it is in Britain though he is wrong in claiming that this is also the case in Denmark. However, the United States and Canada both have a much higher level of owner-occupation than in this country but shey do not have our poor NORMAN GRIGGS, Secretary General, The Building Societies

Association
34 Park Street,
Mayfair, industrial record. It may be that the proportion of personal wealth held in the form of housing has increased but this has not been at the expense of industrial investment. Most of the activity in the housing market relates to secondhand dwellings and this does not entail the consum. London, W1Y 3PF.

and job prospects

From Mr J. D. Rimington

good workers, and in many parts of the country will leave their trade rather than remain

However, on a point of facts raised by Mr Musgrave, it is no longer true that half of Skilkenire trainees are not

being quite feer to Bupa? Although I throw away old

prospectuses to avoid confu-sion, surely the scales always did increase with age? Is the additional step at 65 in Bupa-care so immoral when, unlike life insurence, increased cover

is being provided against infla-tion boosted costs; I under-

tion boosted costs; I under-stand that the old fixed scales

are still open to existing subscribers.

And although I fully appreciste the heavy burden that inflation tolerated by all,

stoked by some governments since the war until now—has imposed on disadvantaged

groups such as pensioners, knowing also something of the pressures on young people try-ing to set up their own homes

Skillcentre trainees are not Manpuser Sarvice; doing Jobs using their skills son, some months following train-ing The only regular series of Ebury Bridge Road, figures is for a three-month London SWIW SPY.

Cost of private health care

memoloyed for long.

Training skilled workers

Sir Mr D. S. Robertson (Decem-

ber 5) attributes under-invest-

ment in industry to the high

level of owner-occupation in

Britain but there is no real connexion between the two. Mr

Level of investment in housing product devoted to housing in Britain is lower than in most other advanced countries and all the evidence submitted to the Wilson Committee demon-Certainly industrial invest-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

most ger the nature of the problem right.
Yours faithfuly,

From Mr D. R. Townley Sir, Mr Robertson's argument in industry is affected by investment in private housing is does not entail the consump vestment in tion of resources. In fact, the incorrect,

because some leave for jobs before completing training and

so escape the survey. It is of course an average as between

we are under scute local pres-sure to offer can, alas, be of only limited benefit, either to individuals or to the local

and give their children a good

education, I would obestion whether the differential between our and their subscriptions are major. By 65 most should be tree from the hea-

viest bordens and could well-be expected to divert a higher proportion of their income to protecting their inevitably worsening health.

The young might even point

out that it was the indifference of our "never had it so good generation to the immorality of sustaining our ease by institutionalized bilking that allowed the meas we are in to

reach its present magnitude.
Yours faithfully,

LEWIS STRETCH.

1 Manor Close, Ashby-de la Zouch, Leicestershire LE6 SEE.

J. D. RIMINGTON, Deputy Chief Executive

Manpower Services

Industrial investment is not determined by availability of funds as Mr Robertson implies. but on the will of industry to invest and there are plenty of funds available for this purpose (pension funds, banks, insurance companies, etc).

Britain's poor performance is simply the result of firms' expectations of an insufficient return-hence the trade union

accusation of an "investment The only effect of Mr Robertson's "housing remedies" will be to provide even more money to the city money pool and so cause the rate of interest to fall—but, as Keynes argued, the rate of interest has only a very marginal effect on investment and this has subsequently been borne out by experience. Yours faithfully,

D. R. TOWNLEY. 3 Fairhaven, Putney Hill, London SW15.

Dangers the new NEB must avoid

From The Rt. Hon The Earl of

period after training; at present some 70 per cent of extrainees are in jobs using their skills at that point. This figure is probably conservative. Kinnov∏ Sig. We now learn from Sir Peter Carey's evidence to the Commons Public Accounts Com-mittee that not only had the recently-resigned members of the NEB been blown off course on their way to obtaining their financial objectives, but that they were also rejuctant to divulge to the Department of areas where results are much hetter than this and areas where job prospects are so poor that some of the training.

Industry information about companies in their care.

Where have we heard this before? Were not weaknesses in financial control and reluctauce to cooperate the principal allegations by Sir Leslie Murphy
against Sir Kenneth Keith?

May one express with confidence the bone that under
firmer control the new NEB will exhibit a more making under-standing of its difficult prob-lents and avoid the dangers common to all those who are obliged to dwell in glass houses. Otherwise guis custodist

Sincerely, KINNOUL House of Commons, London, SW1.

Bad stamp planning?

From Ms Alice Hemming Sir, Every year the Post Office sir, every year the Post-Ornica legies is to post our oversels. letters early, so every year we have to get our far-away greetings off with an ordinary stamp; the handsome carefully designed special Christians issue aways comes out long after the altorned dates. Bad planning? What a pity!

ALICE HEMMING. 35 Elimorthy Road

ICGas

Consolidated Desuits (unaudited)

Imperial Continental Gas Association

Consolidated Results (unaudited)	30.9.79	30.9.78	31.3.79
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Turnover	82,837	67,335	187,720
Trading Profit Depreciation	6,589 (6,540)	6,456 (5,487) 969	28,478 (11,369) 17,109
Income from Aliled Companies Share of profits of Associated Companies Income from General Investments Interest (net)	4,174 410 722	3,090 803 (300)	4,684 10,812 1,207 (424)
Group Results before taxation Taxation	5,3 5 5 801	4,562 761	33,388 9,305
Group Results after taxation Minority Interests Exchange Loss	4,554 (17)	3,801 (138)	24,083 (381) (257)
Results attributable to IC Gas	4,537	3,663	23,445

Interim Dividend

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st March 1980 of 8p per £1 stock unit on the £42,873,000 ordinary capital stock, costing

£3,430,000, payable 15th February 1980. An interim dividend of 6p per stock unit, together with a supplementary dividend of 0.088p per stock unit. was paid on the 20th March 1979 on £41,546,000. ordinary capital stock costing £2,530,000.

Stockholders will recall that, as a result of the lifting of dividend restraint from 1st August 1979, last year's rate of final dividend was double the rate of interim dividend. The increase in this year's interim dividend is intended to reduce the disparity between the interim and final dividends.

Consolidation of Accounts

The Association published fully consolidated accounts for the first time for the year 1978/79. In spite of this change, it is not possible to include in "Share of profits of Associated Companies" in the Interim Results figures in respect of UNERG, a public quoted company, which publishes its results annually.

The comparative figures for the half year to 30th September 1978, have been restated on the basis applied in the current year.

Results for the Half Year

As in previous years, the Directors emphasize that the figures provide no guidance concerning the outcome for the year. In addition to the seasonal nature of the Group's activities, the results of UNERG, through which a major part of the utility interests of the Group is held, are excluded. Furthermore, no dividend income from Petrofina and Intercom is included in the first half

Of the increase in furnover of £15,502,000, the Calor Group accounted for £14,727,000 (+25.3%) and the Belgian subsidiary companies' trading activities accounted for £1,268,000 (-15.9%).

Half veet to

Calor Group

The trading profit showed an increase of 13.8% on the previous year. The lower ratio of profit to tumover at the half year was again due to increased fixed costs in a highly seasonal business and pressure on gross margins arising from further increases in product costs, which could not be immediately recouped by

increased prices or improved productivity.

Depreciation continued its rise to £5,552,000, an increase of 16.6% over the previous year, reflecting the high level of capital expenditure necessary to meet growth in demand.

on the previous year by £97,000, after a decline in sales of gas.

Belgian Group The results of the direct trading activities of the Belgian Group, less administration charges, were £47,000 down at £1,252,000. Depreciation amounted to £837,000, an increase of £271,000.

Trading profits for the period, at £439,000, were down

Associated Companies

Century Power and Light Ltd.

The share of profits of associated companies, which was higher by £1,084,000, relates to the results to 30th June, and underlines the sensitivity to climatic conditions, the results benefiting from the extreme conditions in the first quarter of 1979.

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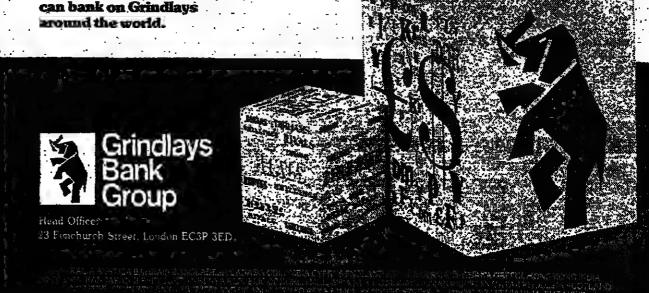
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Straws in the wind

esterday's November banking figures were... igible liabilities rose by 19 per cent on e month; the banking system as a whole as further our of the corset than at any Nut to date; and the figures from the earing banks confirmed that loan demand mained uncomfortably strong. .

Yet for all that there were still straws to e clutched at. For a start, it seems that at Thursday's figures for sterling M3 will it be anything like as bad as the eligible ibility figures might suggest. Indeed, as result of a number of factors notably flecting bank transactions with discount uses, the rise in non-resident sterling posits and a change in the banks in ritched position—growth in sterling M3. an a half per cent. And that would bring annualized rate of growth since June wn from nearly 14 per cent to under 13 More important of course, is the fact that e mid-November rise in interest rates had real chance to bite. The impact of that s still to work its way through and may the rise in leading in November was sarly well below the October surge and a figures for the three months to November was

In the gilt market, buyers were already tive shead of yesterday afternoon's nouncement of the banking figures on the w that the market had already discounted 3 more pessimistic expectations. So, given e indication of relatively acceptable uling M3 growth the market continued to better through the afternoon, with fur-er help coming from rather better than pected figures for the central government

r suggest some fall in the rate of quarterly

rrowing requirement to November. All this was enough for the short-medium ap " to be declared exhausted at the close. hether or not the authorities will be keen push a new stock into the market ahead the holidays-remains to be seen. Clearly By want to hold interest rates around their esent level until they have firm evidence at their medicine is working.

Raising a houry old problem—but one at has still to be satisfactorily resolved. Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Howe, ninded institutional investors last night at if they invest in a company they cannot aid some responsibility for its success or

'nstitutions, despite much debate over the us, have always argued that as investors ly are not qualified to interfere in the nagement of the companies in which they est, and that the sanction which they can ploy most effectively is to sell the shares they don't like a company's performance, t as Sir Geoffrey said selling leaves some-e else with the problem and the institu-

It would be better if institutions took a her more positive action and used their luence to appoint a non-executive ector whose experience and judgment p could trust. Some institutions may disss this as yet mother suggestion from neone who fails to understand their blems, but those problems are zinning to look like excuses.

∴ Gas orth Sea

usual, half-time figures from IC Gas are juide to nothing in particular except, haps, to the impact of rising fixed costs a relatively low level of sales. Trading fits of Calor Gas have risen by only 13.8, cent, as against a 25.3 per tent rise in nover; and at the pre-ran level this subary shows a loss of £1.97m-[as against a of £1.62m in the corresponding period year) after degreciation provisions and

o the group as a whole, after a ft 2m rease to £4.17m in the compribation from rease to 24.1/m in the contribution from ociates, has produced pre-far profits some 0.000 higher, at £5.36m, as against the .39m recorded in the whole of last year ind-year figures will show the benefit, at, of the usual seasonal surge in calor sales (20 per cent up, so far his quarter, religious for the cause research last year. volume for the same period last year), I second, of the price rise planned for mary, which should help rediess the

luceze on margins apparent in the first very bit as bad as expected. The banks' half figures. In addition there are contribu-igible liabilities rose by 1.9 per cent on tions from the associate UNERG, and dividends from Petrofina and Intercom, to be brought in. So the pre-tax total overall is likely to be in excess of £35m.

Longer-term, Calor Gas is hoping for improved performance from an increase in gas supplies; and the group as a whole stands to benefit from its North Sea oil ventures in the Maureen, Andrew and Block T fields. Meantime the shares, at 615p, will yield 4.6p on a maintained final divi-dend. They are solid enough anyway, and could prove exciting if the North Sea throws up riches.

Trafalgar House Searching for new growth

Trafalgar House has gone ex-growth, although profits, down to £43.7m against last year's £60.6m, are actually 5 per cent ahead of £19m of exceptional property and share profits are excluded from the 1978

Nevertheless, Trafalgar has stood still for three years with its four main trading engines failing to sychronize.

For the moment it has neither the share rating or the balance sheet to do anything dramatic on the takeover front, so it has had to take a cool look at the four existing trading divisions for the next leap forward. Judging by the heavy move into property development, the group clearly sees this activity as at least the short-term solution. Contracting and building continues to fare remarkably well with profits up 17 per cent to £26m. But despite the quality of some of its contracts, there could be pressure, par-ticularly on the civil engineering side, next

Shipping aviation and hotels saw some recovery in the second-half reducing the loss to £5.7m with better performances on the cargo side. Newspapers meanwhile have done well. Prifits have increased slightly to £6.6m after charging some £2.8m of start up costs on the Daily Star and Financial Weekly. However, the Sunday Express and specialist titles are still making running although Daily Express losses have been reduced. That trend must be in doubt next year as the newspaper business runs into

Property, then, which, chipped in £15.4m against last year's heavily inflated £22m, should contribute strongly next year given low physical property yields and signs of an improvement in office letting and rentals.

Indeed, sale of the Whitbread complex alone could transform next year's results.

But with the shares up 1p to 564p offering a p/s of 6 and yielding 11.6 per cent, the market does not need reminding that Trafalgar is now more than a property

Cuts the dividend

It has been rough for Serck, the Birmingham process and power engineering company; profits alumbed from £5.15m to £1.6m, last year and the final dividend is out from 6.5p to 1.7p, making 4.9p for the year against

- Serck had to close the loss-making Serck Tubes: Together with reorganization at the Heat Transfer and Valve companies, this cost £3.1m. National engineering and trans-port strikes and internal labour problems following the end of wage controls cost £2.5m, and borrowing rose from £4.3m to £11.5m, and are still growing, mccomfortable when interest rates are at an all-time peak.

Serck's business is closely tied to overseas demand for process engineering equipment, particularly in the Middle Rast, and to power engineering at home. Orders have picked up and given loss-elimination last year profitscould recover to around 55m. But the divi-dend is not likely to be restored so soon.

That said the market was expecting more yesterday. The shares gained 2p to 40p, where they yield about 12 per cent, enough to be going on with particularly as the chances of another hid must be on the cards.

Christopher Wilkins examines a change of direction in international lending

Upheaval in the Eurocurrency markets

since the collapse of Herstatt Bank in 1974. The beneficiaries will be the bankers. The losers will be the borrowers. The ques tion is whether, in contrast to the post 1974 period, the banks "victory" will turn out to be a totally bollow affair.

Iran is not, in itself, the prime cause of the upheaval, except in the sense that the events since the Shah's fall have played a vital role in the Opec price increases of the past year. Rather, the financial war raging between the United States and between the Office States and tran is providing the same kind of trigger as Rerstatt provided five years ago. The conditions had already been created for an abrupt change of direction before the taking of the host-

The change which is underway will be seen by many bankers as a move back towards sanity in the international lending markets. Since mid-1976, by which time the scale of the Herstan collapse and the consequent fear of more widespread bank failures had died down the profitability of Eurodown, the profitability of Euro-currency lending has been

tendily contracting.

Expansive monetary policies and a growing American trade deficit fuelled the dollar liquidity of the international inquary or me international banking system. At the same time low levels of borrowing demand in the developed world prompted growth-inclined banks seek new opportunities in numerical especially Third World-markets rather than at

The result was a borrower's market, and the borrowers took full advantage. The decline of the Opec surpluses (until this

1; 2; 1;-1 1;-1 year), meant fewer balance of payments crises among develop-ing countries and improving

EURO LENDING-HOW THE MARGINS HAVE SHRUNK

\$21,000m in 1975 to some \$70,000m in 1978. This year it will be around \$80,000m. The main symptom of the borrowers' supremacy was the increasing willingness of the banks in the face of fierce competition to concede longer maturity loans—commonly 10 to 15 years rather than five to to 15 years rather than tree to seven—and to accept progressively lower profit margins over their own cost of money (see table). By the middle of this year, margins had sunk to the point where the finest rate credits produced barely any

profit at all.

All of this is now changing. The transformation is, perhaps, less sudden than it was at the time of Herstatt, but the evidence of a new mood is none the less clear. In some cases lending margins have already risen. In others banks are proving reluctant to commit themselves on the same scale or with the same speed as three

mooths ago.

The talk of possible default, or at least of unavoidable debt rescheduling by important borrowers is again being heard.

This time it is Brazil and Poland whereas in 1974/5 it was Indonesis and Argentina. was Indonesis and Argentina.

Meanwhile, the Japanese banks, an important lending force, have been virtually pulled out of the markets by a ministry of finance concerned over mismatching of deposits and loans and possible future dollar funding problems.

Underlying the swing from a borrower's to a lender's market is the financial and economic imbalance resulting from much higher oil prices. Morgan Guaranty Trust has forecast an Opec surplus of \$55,000m this year compared to a mere

Opec surplus of \$55,000m this year compared to a mere \$7,000m in 1978. The brunt of this will be borne by the developed world, but the deficit of the underdeveloped world—some \$30,000m last year—is projected to rise to more than \$40,000m this year. Next year it should top \$50,000m and possibly more if oil prices go up further as seems likely. Inflation rates will rise and economic growth rates will fall.

The result, of course, will be a much bigger borrowing re-

a much bigger borrowing requirement and a much reduced capacity to repay existing debt as it falls due. The problem is aggravated by the steep rise in absolute dollar rates.

made on a floating rate basis, and the recent efforts by the United States Federal Reserve Board (Fed) to limit monetary growth through a policy of high interest rates, inevitably means an onerous additional debtservicing requirement. example, a 1 per cent rise in dollar interest rates is esti-mated to add \$500 n to Brazil's annual payments bill. United States prime rates are now 3! per cent higher than they were a year ago.

For lending banks, all the assumptions on credit worthiness are having to be scrapped. The risk implicit in international loans has plainly risen and with it the demand of the banks for a commensurate return.

At the same time, the need of the banks for international growth is diminishing. In the United States domestic loan derend has this year been runing at a record level. Elsewhere the base ware cluster has ing at a record level. Elsewhere it has been more sluggish, but for most banks, especially those with a big base of cheapor free current account deposits, high interest rates, in any case, equate with high profitability. In such conditions, low margin wholesale operations, as characterised by Euromarket lending, become less and less attractive. Iran has added a new uncer-

tainty, raising questions about the dollar's future and under-mining previous assumptions about the independence of the Euromarkets from political influence—a fundamental basis for the market's existence. But the real concern among

bankers now is whether they will be able to fulfil in the early eighties the same role

seventies. So far, the banking system has been heavily relied pluses back to the deficit nations in the form of loans. Given the scale of those sur-pluses, the banks will be required to expand their denosittaking and lending capability sharply in the coming years, much as they have in the past five years.

In the first place, as aiready. noted, they may not be willing to do so. In the second, they are likely to face increasing constraints from central banks around the world which are concerned over the untranmelled scope for credit creation

in the Euromarkets.

The possible controls under discussion in Basle may take the form of reserve requirements on Eurolending or simply of prudential controls exercised through some form of capital

Unquestionably. those banks which have man-aged their international business independently from their parent bank balance sheets will be obliged to conform more closely to some consolidated group concept for supervisory purposes. The implication is that balance sheets and, there-fore, lending will be limited by the growth of the banks own capital. Pere is the core of the

If the banks are not maling sufficient profits to enable them to grow fas' enough to satisfy the borrowing requirement of deficit countries, the onus will be thrust back on the inter-national organizations. Hence, the IMF, the World Bank and so on can fill the void that seems incritably to be looming.

Oliver Stanley

Capital taxes: how much room for manoeuvre

Last June, in his first Budget, the Chancellor showed a which surprised even the Chancellor shows colleagues. He cut the basic rate of income tax by 3p and the top rate from 83 per cent to 60 per cent; and he enerally raised three giving away 54,300m. thresholds

He also amounced a "thorough review" of capital taxes to implement his election Lord Cockfield, Treasury

minister of state, was given the task of producing legislation in the 1980 Finance Bill to reduce the period of uncertainty generated by knowledge that the system was to be rehashed

Since 1976 Sir Geoffrey Howe has been saying that he wants to draw the teeth of capital transfer tax (CTT) because it inhibits the creation and development of new small businesses. According to his creed, capital taxes represent a disincentive to save, work and invest. Tories must be expected to

Tories must be expected to oppose forms of existing the redistribute wealth—to make the propertial pips squeak. So one prophecy is that CTI and capital gains tax (CGI) will be abolished in the April Finance Bill, creating a free-for-all in which the rich get richer—hindered only by massive recession.

In any case—so the argument runs—abolition of exchange control makes capital taxes so easy to avoid as to make them no longer worth retention. The critical gift to son and heir will be passed through the conduit of a numbered Swiss account and what the eye does not see the national purse will not

On June 12 the Chancellor said: "People want to build up capital of their own and pass it on to their children..." Now they are allowed to do so in the

currency of Swiss francs or Demsche marks, than which, say the cynics, no better incen-tive can be conceived. In fact, that represents

complete misunderstanding of the government vew. In The Right Approach of 1976 the then Conservative opposition said: "We would not think it right to remove all restraints on the aggregation and transmis-sion of substantial wealth. It is courage the concentration of the country's assets in fewer and fewer hands".

This is the gospel according to Sir Geoffrey, which Lord Cockfield has been preaching at his series of meetings with his series of meetings with national representative bodies. All the lobbyists—the Confederation of British: Industry, Institute of Directors, National Farmers' Union, County Landowners' Association, the professional institutes—have put forward detailed submissions on behalf of their members, earnestly pleading for solid ? behalf of their members, expressly pleading for relief. It is a tribute to the minister's stamina he has not disappeared under mountain of paper.

Lord Cockfield is a difficult man to convince and he can destroy a facile case with ease. He believes in the principle "Consult first, draft the new law afterwards", so the 1980 Finance Bill debate should be her discounted and interferent and interferent and interferent law afterwards and interferent law than it might be in other hands.

The representations made to him on capital taxes disclose a

him on capital taxes disclose a uniformity of outlook in business opinion: the capital transfer tax threshold is too low and the rate scale goes up too steeply to too high a maximum rate. A threshold of £50,000 seems sensible, the value of a comfortable—but not a luxury house. A ton maximal a luxury house. A top marginal rate of 50 per cent at the £3m mark is favoured by the CBL, and this seems a likely profile.

Trusts and trustees have been harshly treated for CTT and it



On capital gains tax the cen-tral problem is inflation. Two alternative solutions have been canvassed—indexation (adjust-ment in line with, say, a prices index) and tapering, a progres-sive reduction of the chargeable gam over a stipulated period, perhaps, three years (Institute of Directors) or seven years (CBI).

The minister's preliminary and tentative conclusion is that and tentative conclusion is that mederation is administratively too complex, particularly for Stock Exchange securities; and tapering is too crude and does not solve the problem.

treat them as mere tax shelters of the asset replacing the one should cease.

On capital gains tax the central problem is inflation. Two of 30 per cent is surely too high. Some representations are extraordinarily detailed. The Unquoted Companies Group (*21 members who provide employment for 171,000 people *) lists twenty-five different changes needed, the first 10 of which are constant.

which are extracted verbating Geoffrey Howe (in Opposition) to Mr Dezis Healey (then Chancellor) dated April 2, 1975. That letter renewed the Con-servative pledge to "repeal"

capital transfer tax, but that Another popular prayer is was a long time ago.

designed for more roll-over relief—that The chairman of the Unthe teeth.

1s, deferral of liability until sale quoted Companies Group, Sir prospect.

Emmanuel Kay, cites Canada and Australia as precedents for soolition of capital taxes. He says that in those countries abolition was little criticized and, in particular, there was little public controversy in Austrice public controversy in Austria tralia, " a country with a strong trade union movement and a major Labour Party ".

Presumably, he bad not read the TUC submission to Lord Cockfield, which calls for atronger CTT and, of course, an annual wealth tax.

Lord Cockfield recommend abolition, both for reasons of philosophy—the need for "restraints"—and on yield grounds. Capital raxes, he declares, yield £2,000m and government has no scope for such reductions. The yields of CTT and CGT-respectively £400m and £600m—are low enough to represent constraints on fureconomic to reduce taxes to levels which make the tax costly to collect.

What of development land tax? Lord Cockfield says that all that is to be done has been done. On inheritance tax, there is a long-term aim to barmonize with Europe, but the Green paper Lord Cockileld produced under Lord Barber was upenthusiatically received, as he himself conceded.

Finally, there are the wider issues. If next April increased income taxes are needed as a defence against wage claims, then that will hardly be the moment to abolish or reduce capital taxes.
All in all, it does seem that the Government has left itself

with little room for manoeuvre and the various constraints may limit changes to the thresholds rates and technical adjustments designed to simplify and draw the teeth. Abolition is not in

Business Diary: Scotch thistle • Driving a hard bargain

way do car makers just seem to follow the general price levels of the domestic marker they find themselves in the simably enjoying higher profix margins in one like British when what the consumer wants is the lowest possible campet are price?

That is where compenious

policy comes in because Saily Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, has been

heard to remark automote cutters for merges, in the future, that foreign our makers in the main have not had a big influence on Remain prices.

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ector of a lively British-ted distrillers, Long John irnational, as well as a board nber and public spokesman he industry's pressure group, Scotch Whisky Association. e, and many others in this ling British export industry, fed up with the French alizing Scotch imports to tect their own cognac. :

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Why do car makers just seem here is little doubt in the gathering in London to discuss the unde however that the angle Japanese matters och would then inst strug Business Diary went clong icly and "do a lamb" take westerday and may have let the tone of the meeting down by his Coombs says will lead economic stuff why it is to tarten rumbles about the

more expensive to buy a Japanese car here than it is in the United States or western e the less says he agrees Emone.

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Andrew Weiters wants Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, to tell him what a letter is.

Walters is managing director the IML Air Services Group, which specializes as air couriers in rushing small business pack-ages from one side of the world As the rules stand at the

ment, IML is allowed to carry a letter from a business-man in London to his partner in, say, New York, but if that in, say, New York, but if that same businessman sends a per-sonal letter to his mother only the Post Office can carry it. Walters wants the law clarified because, he believes, many businesses think they are doing something illegal, immural or fattening in using courier ser-

He says that British business is losing millions a year in lost and delayed mail because so many feel compelled to use the Post Office. He is to see Department of Industry officials

at their invitation today to put Motors his case. Let in Walkers will urge, that the which review which Sir Keith is cast year, rying out of the Post Office. But monopoly should clarify once without the all the position of put anyon water enterprise in business tall y communications.

He was seconded to the Army Ast Corps, flying helicopters, and founded IMI in 1972 sich capital of 1300. The company CBL is very cross with Transity Remon, the Tory MP who claims that the motor group withdrew his franchise from a Narwich garage because h

wanted to increase its sales of BL cars from 20 a year to 500. Renton, in questioning Sir Keith Joseph, the Industry Secretary, in the House on Monday, added that if such was the case then Sir Keith should see that no further taxpayers money went to BL. A BL spokesman told Busi-

ness Diary yesterday: "We don't deserve this sort of adverse publicity without the facts being known. There are already three substantial BL distributors operating in Norwich-Kennings, Mann Egerton and Duff Morgao. "They are highly efficient

operators, achieving satisfactory coverage of the area. There is no room for another major dealership. Reuton disclosed to MPs that

he was "associated" with the new owners of the garage but did not name them. Business Diary's researches yesterday revealed that Anglian Windows had acquired St Benedicts Motors, a small BL retail out-let in Norwich city centre, which handles 30 or so cars a

But St Benedicts was acquired without consulting BL and, as anyone in the motor trade will vate enterprise in business tell you, you cannot buy and communications.

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A handwritten caption repro newsletter of the University of London Computer Society describes "Experimements repeat

Ross Davies

SERCK LIMITED



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As indicated in May depressed market conditions in some of our major customer industries together with industrial disputes had substantially reduced profits for the first half of the year. Results in the second half were adversely affected by the engineering industry dispute but nevertheless showed an improved trend.

In the circumstances the board considers it prudent to make a cut in the final dividend. Subject to unforeseen circumstances the revised payment for the year should be at least maintainable in 1980.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

A series of measures aimed at restructuring the group to meet a continuing weakness in some of our markets has taken place. These measures include the closure of Scrok Tubes. The cost of £3.1m has been treated as extraordinary expenditure.

We expect a much improved year with the better trend shown in the second half

results continuing. Considerable cost savings have been achieved in the heat transfer and valve companies and the closure of Serck Tubes has removed a substantial potential

The commal report will be posted to shareholders on 16 January 1990 and the annual general meeting will be held in Birmingham on 14 February 1980.

Group turnover	1979 £573,756,000	1978 £512,160,000
Profit before tax	£7,341,000	£6,222,000

Profit attributable to Shareholders £4,563,000 £4,559,000

The mainstream meat business produced a satisfactory, but unexciting result. Australia and New Zealand did well with beef sales to the U.S.A., but New Zealand did badly with lamb due principally to poor market conditions in the U.K.

The newer businesses outside the mainstream meat operations are moving forward, especially the vigorously expanding retail shops in the U.K. and France.

A total dividend for the year of 6.2p per share on 45,146,378 shares, amounting to £2,799,000 is recommended. In 1978 a total dividend of 6.2p per share amounting to £2,796,000 was paid.

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S.Simpson

The 46th Annual General Meeting of S. Simpson Limited was held on JIth December in London, Dr. S. L. Simpson, Chairman presiding. The following are extracts from his circulated statement,

Turnover has been further increased in the year under review, but not with the same degree of profitability, largely due to the degree of increase in inflationary costs, direct and indirect, industrial and social unrest and excessive taxation referred to in the penultimate paragraph of my 1978 Report. These factors and the paradoxical excessive strength of Sterling in the international monetary field were more serious in their impact on profitability in the second half of the financial year. Nevertheless we have made progress in several directions and widened our base for trading throughout the world.

On the manufacturing side, we continue our policy of optimum. investment in new manufacturing plant and technology to ensure the high quality tailoring essential for success in competitive markets at home and overseas.

Our existing licensees continue to carry the name of DAKS throughout the world and we have recently renewed our licensing agreements in Japan and initiated licensing arrangements in the U.S.A. and Switzerland for a runge of DAKS Accessories.

Once again, as Chairman, I am pleased to tender my thanks and appreciation to all my colleagues on the Boards and to the employees of all Companies within the Group for their untiring efforts and loyalty during the past year.

Year ended

30/9/78

£000's

22,046

5,422

22,374

4,583

6,206

60,631

37,416

16.1p

15.6p

3.84p

1. The above figures are subject to final audit.

Trafalgar House

GROUP PROFIT YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1979

Operation

Property

Construction

Investment activities

Profit before taxation

extraordinary items

extraordinary items

proposed Final 2.5p)

Shipping, aviation and hotels

Newspapers and magazines

Profit after taxation and extraordinary

Earnings per Ordinary Share excluding

Earnings per Ordinary Share including

The basis on which interest is charged to trading activities has been altered and the comparative figures for 1977/78 have been appropriately adjusted. Full comparative figures on the previous basis will be published with the Accounts,

3. All costs in connection with the introduction of the Daily Star and the Financial Weekly totalling some £2.8m have been

4. The profit before taxation for 1977/78 included approximately £19m resulting from an exceptionally high level of property

The 1979 Report and Accounts will be posted to Shareholders on 20th December 1979:

copies may be obtained from the Socretary, I Berkeley Street, London WIX 6NN.

Ordinary dividend (Interim 2.11p,

UK must develop microprocessor if it is not to 'go out of business'

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

If Britain does not move for-ward with the new technology of microprocessors the country of microprocessors the country will "go out of business", a Department of Industry report published yesterday says. For the country to stay as it is is not an available choice.

Wealth could be generated by grasping the opportunities offered by the microelectronic revolution. But in-built resistance to change an dihe institu-tionalized conflict between management and labour might prevent this, and "serious social disruption" could result.

"Should events merely be left to take their course, without the creation of a reasoned and definite strategy, there is some ultimate danger of either an unwholesome State-centralized control. an inwoment of an unchecked and violent society with inequit-able contrasts between rich and poor."

consensus view of 35 in-dividuals, described as experus, fro mthe electronics industry; manufacturers and users of technology; trade unions;

government agencies and Parlia-ment; and from a group of "commentators" including con-sultants, a professor and a

Their opinions on the impact improprocessors on business of Industry in connexion with the Department's Microproces-sor Application Project. The resulting report has been published by the National Com-

If the United Kingdom fails

to apply microelectronics at least as rapidly as other countries do, much of British industry well come under heavy and intensifying competition from overseas, the report says. Microprocessors have three broad types of impact. They "enhance people's capabilities and enrich their kives" by simulating the manufacture of new lating the manufacture of new products; they conserve other resources such as energy or materials; and they can act as substitutes for lebour, by decreasing the amount of labour required for a given output or increasing the output of a given labour force.

the Technological Policy Unit; University of Aston, and one of the experts consulted for the report, said at a press confer-ence yesterday that the threat of technological unemployment would be overshedowed by unemployment caused by general economic factors. But, the report says, the technology will tend to aggravate the "structural situation" and may easily be blamed as a scape-goat for any problems that

Mr David Firnberg, director of the National Computing Centre and another of the experts consulted for the report, said: "Microelectronics is good fortune, not misfortune."

There could be a shift in the geographical pattern of wealth creation in Britain, the report suggests, with the decline of manufacturing in the north and the rise of new information and knowledge-based service industries in the south.

Impact of microprocessors on British business. Published by the National Computing Centre, Manchester. Price, £5.50.

Forecasters predict gloomy year ahead

Britain faces a drop in output next year, with rising unemployment, and continuing high levels of inflation according to all but one of the economic forecasters quoted below. Surprisingly, perhaps, the Treasury

is the most pessimistic about output next year—predicting a drop of 2 per cent in the economy. The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is the most optimistic about growth prospects.

P	ORECAST	S FOR TH	E BRITIS	H ECONOI	es.		
. (NJESR (Nov)	Year 1980 of LBS (Nov)	HG (Dec)	(Oct)	\$T.J. (Oot)	F & D (Dec)	Treasury (Nov)
Gross domestic product	0.2	-1.1	-1.0	1.8	-0.9	-1.8	2
Inflation	16.3	15.5	- 16.9	16.4	13.24	16.1	141
Unemployment (000)	1,420	1,267	1,500	1,800	1,850	1,458	ñ.a.
Consumer spending	1.6	0.1	-0.5	-0.9	0.7	-1.2	1
Private investment ino							*
housebuilding	-2.0	-2.42	-0.7	-6.64	0.94	-3.1	-13
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housebuilding	-4.3	-2.2	1,5	6.64	0.84	⊸8.9 °	-414
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Stockbuilding (£m 1975 prices)	1,481	396	291	800	0.2	—100 .	·2 ⁷
Exports	4.0	4.0	2.9	1.9	2.9	3.2	0
(तक्राव्यक	1.7	-1.1	8.0	-1.4	~0.4	0.2	-21
Balance of payments current acco	Janu						
	-3,300	-660	-300	+1,300	-2,200	—90 6	2,000
PSBR (£m fiscal 1980-81)	8,000	11,200	10,000	9,600	10,200	8,900	<u>-</u>
Monay supply (% change in					-		
EM3 fiscal 1980-81)	9	7.5	9	9.6	11.74	7.7*	n.e,

NIESR: National Institute of Economic and Social Research; LBS: London Business School; HG: Hoare Govett, CE: Cambridge Econometrice; St.J.: St James' Group : published in Economist; P & D: Phillips and Drew;: ¹ fourth quarter 1980 on fourth quarter 1979, ² fourth quarter 1980, ⁸ excluding oil, ⁴ gross fixed investment. * private fixed investment. * public corporation's fixed investment. * stockbuilding as % gdp. * ascond quarter 1981 on second quarter, 1980 * PSBR is forecast to stay at about the same. % in many firms as in 1979-80.

Forecasts for gdp components are in constant prices.

Profit

£0000's

15,351

1,213

26,274

(5,738)

6,598

43,698

32,216

11.4p

13.4p

4.61p

The private forecasts assume policy changes. For details readers should refer to original sources Categories in different forecasis are not completely comparable, but differences are minor. Differences in result also reflect difference in assumptions, model constructions and date at which work performed. The month in which work was published is given in brackets. Forecasts published by the Treasity twiceyearly. NIESH,CE and St.J. four times a year; LBS times a year; HG and P & D revise their

Turnover

£000's

67,932

491,965

201,042

185,188

946,127

Business appointments

ioin board of

ler T. G. Congdon will be joining L. Messel & Co with affect from April 14 next year.

Mr Macmillan to Yarrow and Co

Mr Maurice Macmillan has joined the board of Taxrow and Co as a non-executive director.

Holdings.

Mr M. J. Stringer, deputy chairman and managing director of Wadham Stringer, has been appointed to the main board of TKM. Mr J. Sieff, an executive director of TKM, has been appointed to the Wadham Stringer

board.

Mr L. F. Thromb has been appointed chalman and continues as managing director of Norman Hay following the death of Mr Norman Hay, chairman and joint managing director.

Mr B. D. Romeril, deputy chief acrountant, Mond Division, and Mr G. R. Madder, general manager of finance, ICI New Zealand, have been appointed assistant treasurers of ICL.

Mr Douglas R. P. Raker, managing partner and chief executive of Touche Ross & Co has been elected chairman of the board of governors, Touche Ross International.

electral Chairman of the coard of governors, Touche Ross intermittent.

Mr Richard Hurn, property and development director of B.A.T. Stores Holdings, and Mr John Sheidrake, company secretary of International Stores, have been appointed directors of Argos.

Sir Lan McLeman, chairman of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ) has been elected chairman of the restructered board of the Bank of Adelaide, and Mr M. Brunckhorst, ANZ managing director, deputy chairman. Former chairman Sir Anthony Rymill and Mr E. H. Burgess will remain as directors. Other new board appointments are Mr J. D. Milne, ANZ general manager and Mr A. G. Kilpatrick AUZ assistant seneral manager. Mr A. M. Simpson, former deputy chairman, Mr D. M. Fowler, Mr R. S. Turner, Mr P. B. Wells and Mr M. . Astley have retired from the board.

Mr Ian Clark has been reappointed a full-time member of the heard of the British National Oil

Corporation for a further pesiod of one year.

Mr J. E. Ward has been appointed chief executive and a director of Lewis & Peat (Merchanting) and chairman and a director of Mogan-Interscripte. He will continue as a director of Guinness Peat International and chairman of Roberts Petroleum, Mr F. C. Simeous will be appointed a director of Guinness Peat International, and will remain a director of Lewis & Peat (Merchanning), Mr C. J. Craig will be appointed managing director of Guinness Peat (Overseas) whilst remaining a director of Guinness Peat International.

Mr Hugh Ellis has been appointed managing director of Interdiff Electric and Mechanical Services.

Mr J. J. Francis has been appointed chairman-elect of Dobson Park Industries.

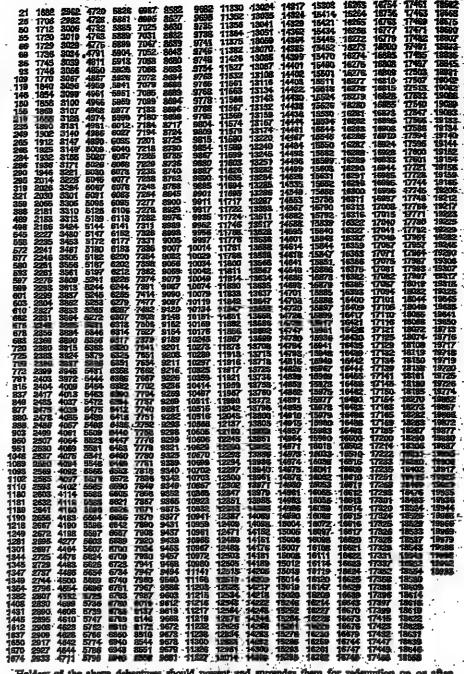
NOTICE OF REDEMPTION:

To the Holders of

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. 71/2% Guaranteed Simking Fund Debeniures Due 1981

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that One Million Three Hundred Thirty Three Tremand Dollars (\$1,333,000) principal amount of Honda Motor Co., Ltd. 72:55 Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1981 and bearing the following serial numbers, have been drawn for redemption for account of the Sinking Fund on January 15, 1980 at the principal amount thereof and account interest to that data,

DEBENTURES IN DENOMINATION OF \$1,000. EACH



THE BANK OF TOKYO TRUST COMPANY

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Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas.

UNAUDITED AND UNCONSOLIDATED STATEMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1979

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tax for the first six months of 1979 amounted to FF 326 million compared with FF 573 million for the whole of 1978. Compagnie Financiere's portion, excluding minority interests, totalled

FF 264 million as against FF 465 million. for the whole of 1978. The FF 86.7 million shown in the financial statement represents nonconsolidated gross earnings arising mainly from dividends of subsidiaries and from other investments, for the first two quarters of 1979. This last figure should not,

however, betaken as an indioation as to the Company's aggregate income for the year. Compagnie Financière in fact

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The Group's consolidated income after receives a major part of its investment revenues during the last quarter, particularly the dividends from four of its leading subsidiaries, OPFI-PARIBAS, Paribas International, OPB-PARIBAS and SOGEDIP. It is anticipated that these dividends will, in aggregate, show an increase on last year. Taking into account the results for the

first six months and the prospects for the Group for the rest of the year, Compagnie Financière is anticipating an increase in dividend for the current year.

An interim dividend of FF 6 net for the current year has been declared and was paid on 12th Nevember, 1979,

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Gilts lead the way up despite bank figures

account yesterday with a strong seemed on golds as the bullion performance by giltedged which price scaled new highlights and proved strong enough to carry oils where price increases and equities along with it.

Even the banking figures. After opening 3.4 up at 10 am, every bit bad as the market the FI Index went on to reach had anticipated, failed to deter its high point for the day an anticipated, failed to deter its high point for the day and higher anticipated.

every bit bad as the market the FI index went on to reach had anticipated, failed to deter its high point for the day an buyers' enthusiasm, which after hour later at 3.3 before closing a pause to digest the figures, 3.7 up at 422.9

that the money supply figures, due out on Thursday, may not jurn out to be as bad as earlier feared.

reared.
The Government broker reported that supplies of the new rap. Treasury, 15 per cent, 1985, had been finally exhaust, and some speculature are anticipating a new tap. stock to be announced before Christ-

Business in longs reached its

Rhighest level for quite some

Stime, with most showing gains. Oils were busyant on a fur
of between fil and E1-50p off their rise in the price of oil. This

the day overall. Shorts mad a was good enough for a 40p leap

The day overall. Shorts mad a was good enough for a 690p and

The stock marker maintained of about £1 to £1 on the day: group was imminent. This Continental Gas rose 7p to 615p its firm start to the new some interest although most prompted a 7p rise to 155p in also aided by a 17 per cent rise account yesterday with a strong centred on golds as the bullion Cawoods, which has just in in profits at the half way stage, performance by gittedged which price scaled new highlights and creased its stake in Lasmo to Major oils were somewhat the property of the control of the contro

Leading industrials were spurred on by talk of a strong rally leading up to the Christ-mas holidays

Decca continues to process rally leading up to the Christ mas holidays.

Glaro were 8p stronger at 438p after an optimistic chair mas holidays.

Glaro were 8p stronger at 438p after an optimistic chair man's statement earlier in the lot more money than many City folk suppose. A popular figure 370p Pikington Bros going explose dipped 2p to 201p while is flow, but some say the consideration will be nearer \$15m.

The "A" share's rose 5p to Gaits of 2p were also achieved in Beecham at 121p and Fisons at 139p, and Dualop's recent rally after fayourable comment cause to an end with the shares that the money supply figures. unchanged at 56p.

Marley reports today. The impression has already got around that Marley is heading for profits of between 124m and 125m this year and that it made at least £21m in The year just gone. The shares hardened 2p to 60p, in a week they have some up from little more than 70p.

was good enough for a 40n leap in Oil Exploration at 690p and more cautious start with rises in Oil Exploration at 690 lead of about it reported before the a 17p jump in merger pertuencelesse of the banking figures. Lasmo at 373p as markets goswhich expended toabout it just sing predicted that a major bid after leaving overall increases, from a major United States

Other North Sea shares to gain ground included Associated Newspapers 6p better at 249p, while Graig Shipping leapt 150p to 775p on talk of full bid from Cluff Oil following its announcement that it had increased its stake to 12 per cent, Imperial

creased its stake in Lasmo to Major oils were somewhat 13 per cent, and a 6p advance to 129p in National Carbonising as was Ultramar at 410p. Shell another Lasmo shareholder. was 4p firmer at 342p.

The record level of bullion saw another strong performance by gold shares with Gold Mines index rising 9.8 to 262.5. Kloot climbed 511 to 5251. West Driefontein rose 531 to 5681 and

of an encouraging diamond dis-covery, Tanks increased 22p to 222p and Consolidated Gold Fields rose 10p to 351p.

120p before finishing the day at 122p. News that Booker McConnell was having talks in the United States which could Driefontein rose \$31 to \$682 and lead to a joint venture with Venterpost put 15 cents to 875 the Rockefeller family boosted tents. Elsewhere in mines RTZ the shares 5p to 275p.

Latest results

	Company Int or Fig	Solos Em	Profits In	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
	Arlington Motor (1)	31.3(23.3)	1.0(0.69)	12.2(8.1)	2.5(2.5)	12	9.04 y
	Bankers Invst (1)	-(-1	1.2(0.91)	-(-)	0.55(0.5)	25.2	-(-)
-	Barker & Dobson (1)	16.4(17.6)	(J.17a(U.36)	0.664(1.12)	-(a.33)		0,41(-)
	Beechwood Coust (1)		0.25(0.32)	-(-)	0.6(0.5)	6, 2	-(-)
	Elyvooruitzicht (I)	-(-1	-(-)	·{1	100(40)	-	-(-)
Ĭ	N. Brown Invst (I)	9.3(8.1)	0.43(0.30)	2.5(1.8)	0.8(0.8)	13.2	~(-)
	Archimedes Invst (F)		0.07(0.08)	5.97(5.87)	4.1(3.7)	12/2	8.1(5.7)
	Carroll Indsts (F)	114.55(99.01)	4.73(3.0)	8.2(5.4)	3.70()	_	4,2(3.3)
	Ct of Dablin Bak (F)	6.4(3.6)	0.88(0.74)	5.84(5.53)	1.75(1.57)	15.2	2,6(2.2)
٠	Culter Guard (I)	11.7(10.2)	0.22(0.12)	1.46(0.79)	Nil(Nil)		-(-1
	Dobson Part: (F)	142.0(132.0)	14.2(13.7)	12.5(16.3)	2.87(2.5)	28, 2	4.5(4.0)
	Drbn Rood(poort (F)		-(-)	-(-)	115(50)		155(50)
			-1-1	-(-)	90(10)	_	100:10)
	Geevor Mines (I)	2,2(2,2)	0,37(0.60)	15.14(19.38)	2,8(2.5)	72	-1-1
•		27.0(21.5)	1,9(1.3)	19.0(15.2)	4,25(3.74)	_	5.0(3.23c)
	Int Timber (1)	109.6(70.8)	4.9(3.6)	8.5(9.5)	3,3(3.0)	8, 4	-(S.0)
	K Shoes (F)	61.0(53.0)	5.0(3.9)	16.87 (11.65)	1,76(1,34)	-	2.6(2.0)
	James Latham (I)	15.0(13.7)	0.74(0.76)	-(-)	3,35(2,95)	31 1	-(7.7)
	Mitchell Somers (1)	12.7(12.1)	0.69(0.92)	—()	1.73(1.73)	1.2	3.35()
-	Montague Myer (1)	159.0(135.0)	9.3(7.96)	10.5(8,2)	2.23(2.0)	31 - 1	5.73()
	Record Ridgway (F)	20.6(19.4)	0.24(0.65)	1.42(6,21)	0.1(-)	31, 12	—(—)
		91.9(93.3)	1.6(5.11	3.9(7.3)	-(-1)		-(-)
	Thus Southwick (F)	\$73.7(\$12.1)	7,316.21	8:47(10.33)	3:R(3.8)	1.2	6.2(6.2)
٠.	R. W. Toothill (I)	1.35(1.36)	0.004(0.021	0.38(0.43)	-(-)	— ·	
٠.	Trafalgar House (F)	946.0(825.0)	43.7(60.6)	11.4(16.1)	2.5(1.9)	6 2	4.6(3.8)
	Utd Spring & Stl (F)		1.4(1.2)	6.6(5.0)	1.3(1.0)	15.2	1.95: 1.621
	Wilson Brus (1)	7.0(7.1)	0.34(0.56)	1.44(2.28)	0.72(0.71)	1 4	-(-)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. s=loss, b=cents, c=adjusted for sub-division.

K Shoes 27 pc ahead

A smaller than average pay sold the said been particularly strong during the weeks preshoes, the Kendal-besed manual coding the Budget-but the sub-acturer and retailed to boost sequent rise in VAT had profits by 27 per cent while knocked that growth by the A smaller than average pay

Arlington Motor climbs 50pc ampton Car Auctions acquired

males spurred the North Lon-don Arlington Motor Group's pre-tax profits to record levels for the balf year to September 26; 1979.

acturer and retailed to boost profits by 27 per cent with the content of the profits by 27 per cent with the content of the profits by 16 per cent pretax profits were 15th per cent pretax profits leapt by 50 per cent pretax profits were 15th per cent from 8697,000 to 11,047m of the pretax profits leapt by 50 per cent pretax profits leapt profits leapt by 50 per cent pretax profits leapt by 50 per cent pretax profits leapt pretax profits of 15th pretax profits pretax profits of 15th pretax profits of 15th pretax profits pretax profits of 15th pretax profits leapt pretax profits leapt pretax profits pretax pretax pretax 26, 1979.
Pretax profis leapt by 50 per cent from £697,000 to £1,047m on turnover up by 34 per cent at £31.34m against £23.38m.

After tax of £544,000 compared with £362,000 and interest charges of £423,000 against £271,000 attributable profits were £503,000, 50 per cent up on last year's £335,000.

better performance on the coach and bus side has come partly from delayed deliveries in the previous half coming into the six months under review. Arlington has also managed to

Arlington has also managed to increase its share of the market. There has been an incresse in Arlington's profitability on petrol sales. There has been a return to wider margins and protects are looking good.

The final critical factor in Arlington's successful half year is the contribution from North-

Prospects for the current half

year are encouraging. Sales of buses and coaches together with commercial vehicles coutinue to be bouyant. There was some doubt about the impact of high interest rates on the cost of Arlington financing its stock base, but within the last two weeks agreement has been reached with General Motors It will cushion the full impact of dearer lending rates.

Record Ridgeway pays nominal dividend

Racal growth continues

25th consecutive record interim results despite difficult trading conditions

Sales increased to £112.9m

Pre-tax profits increased to £25.3m

RACAL The Electronics Group

Winners of Ten Queen's Awards in Ten Years Racal Electronics Limited, Western Road, Bracknell, Berkshire

The unaudited pre-tax net profit for

the half-year ended 30th September,

1979 amounted to £25,263,000 (1978

£24,323,000) an increase of 3.9%.

Turnover was £112,916,000

(previous half-year £99,894,000) an.

An interim dividend of 4.2% net

of tax (previous year 3.8% adjusted

for the Scrip Issue) will be paid on 1st

Register on 21st December, 1979.

Turnover was adversely affected

by approximately £5,000,000 and

pre-tax profits by approximately

(a) the effect of the appreciation of

sterling on the translation of the substantial sales and earnings

February, 1980 to Shareholders on the

(1978 £11,411,000).

increase of 13.0%.

£1,750,000 by

Taxation is estimated at £10,737,000

Stagnant second-half profits at Sheffield hand tool manufacturer Record Ridgway has left shareholders without a final dividend for the second year running.

Stagnant second-half profits from £19.3m to £20.6m.

Ridgway's problems started in the second half of last year when it made a loss of £209,000.

Since then it has turned in two successive six month profit fig. running.
A nominal 0.1p dividend is to ures of £119,000.

However the annual this rime was depressed by a and engineering disputes:
much larger interest charge of
f543,000 resulting from capital
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forgings divisions.

Although high interest rates

attala the closis of the transport
and engineering disputes:

Demand at home is showing
signs of improving but bad marfallen back. Yesterday the
shares slipped a penny to 27p. this time was depressed by a-nuch larger interest charge of £543,000 resulting from capital investment in the castings and

of our overseas companies.

(b) the national engineering one and

particularly those in the USA, and

two day stoppages and overtime

Racal-BCC and on our suppliers

ban at the Wembley factory of

Difficulties were experienced in

communications security owing to

certain overseas customers which are

expected in the near future. Subject

only to other circumstances beyond

our control, the Directors expect

record profits for the twenty-fifth.

The underlying trend of our

business is most encouraging and

prospects for the future are good.

delays in placing large orders by

the areas of tactical radio and

generally.

consecutive year.

and a strong pound will con-tinue to curb profits the new foundry will make a contribu-tion in the second half year. And n reduction in costs elsewhere should also help. Exmings will benefit from not having to stand the costs of the transport

Timber margins squeezed

A crop of results from the timber industry yesterday all illustrated the battle the companies are fighting against higher interest charges and the consequent difficulties in main-taining margins.

Montague L. Meyer saw 2 15

Fields rose 10p to 351p.

Haynes Publishing making its to 19.3m on a 17 per cent turndebut on the market opened over increase to 1159m in the up 3p above the issue price of half year to September 30, 1979. There was a strong contribu-tion from the group's Indonesian associate companies after a 40 per cent devaluation there last year. As a result profit margins wered dramatically, albeit tem-porarily, increased which con-firmed indications given by the chairman in the annual report. But Mr M. J. Meyer, the new thairman, stressed that second balf figures are bound to be affected by the rise in interest rates although trading in October and November continued to be satisfactory.

the year had pushed up the group's borrowings by a similar

stressed that the 15 per



group's emphasis on caution in the next few months.
International Timber, which took over Bambergers at the end of last year, found that its half rate although the market had started to stabilize recently, able with last year's because of the interim dividend has gone un from 3p gross to 3.2p and there is every indication that the final will be increased by a similar amount, in spite of the Groves pointed out that the

turnover increase was 18 ner cent and profits went up by only 8 per cent if Bambergers's figures for last year were included in group results. He added that high interest charges were largely responsible for the smaller overall profits growth. With borrowings currently standing at £30m compared with £28m at the year end in March

1979. Mr Groves expects the first quarter of 1980 to be more. difficult. October and November results are satisfactory and have benefited from the sterling rise; . The closure of the group's Yarmouth outlet also cost \$300,000. The interim dividend has risen from 4.60 gross to 4.7p which was anticipated in the group's rights issue earlier.

this year.

James Latham, the London timber merchant, was even more severely hit by the increased interest charge, than increased interest charges than the other twn groups. Pre-tax profits fell from £761.000 to £748.000 after a £207.000 rise in charges for the half year, ending March 31, 1979. "Although sales are standing up resonably well, it is proving difficult in some areas to obtain adequate marging." Said

Utd Spring manages 16 pc rise

Despite a year beset by strikes West Midlands based United Spring & Steel managed to push profits up by 16 per cent during the 12 months to September 30, 1979. Pro-tax profits rose from £1.266m to a

Turnover surged by 20 per cent from £22.05m to £26.252m.

Mr David Westwood, chairman, reports that the group wood states, Steel only just encountered a difficult year. It managed to hold its own which started off with the Ford strike means that the Spring division

disputes over the summer. profits the says that most of the earnings. group's increased profit came. Mr Wes from the spring manufacturing division. In the last financial year the division chipped in a healthy 1573,000 profit, only £100,000 short of the steel division, on only a third of the group's turnover.
On the other hand, Mr West-

earnings.

Mr Westwood is cautious twice this year. Although the first few months started off brightly there is a noticeable falling, away of orders now. Leg does not quantify this reduction in orders, but says that if it picks up again in the New Year 1979-80 will be satisfuctory. But with the possibility of a Steel strike the future is not looking too bright.

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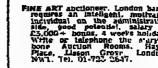
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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS



In the year to September 29, of the current year, demand

Ashton's diamond find

policy of supplementing its normal quarterly statements with reports on special occasions. The reason this time is the annual general meeting of Northern Mining on Friday. Northern has a 5 per cent stake in Ashton

business were whetted yester lia last year sparked off an out-day by two announcements of burst of diamond fever, said exploration results. The Ashton that one kimberlite sample of joint venture in Australia about 33 cubic metres yielded issued figures suggesting that 47 carats. Four stones were big-

issued figures suggestions its deposit may be more extensive than was throught while Leichardt Exploration another Australian company, describes its preliminary sampling in Namibia as "fighly encouraging".

The company also took 11 to samples from the alluvial deposits downstream from the kim or berlie pipe. The 250 cubic metres of material yielded 2.968 carats. The number of tones exceeding 1 carat was stones was not given.
Leichardr's exploration is

much less advanced. Samples deposits. Moreover, no profes-from its prospect at Aukam in sional assessment has been Namibia showed fresh kimber-lite indicator materials. A full to industrial diamonds.

Appetites in the diamond of a deposit in Western Austramonths when analysis of the usiness were whetted yester lia last year sparked off an out materials is complete. Diamond industry sources

> point out, however, that proving the existence of diamonds is one thing, and finding an economic source is another. It could take as long as another three years before the potential of the Ashton site is confirmed. metres of material yielded gest shareholder is Conzinc 2.968 carats. The number of Riotiato of Australia with 52.6 stones exceeding 1 carat was per cent, itself 56.8 per cent 167, and the biggest was 4.6 controlled by Rio Tinto-Zinc, carats. The total number of emphasises that the results to date cannot be taken as repre-sentative of all the alluvial

> Carroli's Extra Size maintained their profit came our at £5.27m com- positions as the two largest pared with £3.94m. selling brands in the country.
>
> Pre-tax profits under current Carroll also state that export

year's profits—taking in a £500,000 loss from the strikedipped £250,000 to £2.4m. The mining machinery divi-

their other toy products.

sion increased its pre-tax profit per cent.

Larking below the surface of

engineering and mining sup-

piles group Dobson Park is a

1979, group pre-tax profits over-

ad weather conditions to rise

£500,000 to £14.2m, and of this

the sales of "Petite" toy type-

sponding to pushe contributed.

ome £1.5m. Total turnover in

the year rose by £10m to £142m.

to fad! in the current year—as

lower level than previously-

Dohson intends to make up the

leeway by introducing a range

Although toy demand is likely

booming toy company.

as toy sales boom

from \$5.8m to £6.5m. This figure included the bulk of the profits from the E10m Chinese con-tracts. Although these orders have not been renewed, and terminate in the first quarter

came the engineering strike and has taken up any potential The group's Kango hammers division, which has mergins of writers and cash registers are some 20 per cent, also im-

from the National Coal Board

Despine, a capital spending programme of CSm Dobson still has not cash balances of 52.76m. The group makes no secret of Christmas sales languish at a looking for an acquisition. However talks with Mining Supplies have not been renewed. With orders running ahead of

of sewing machines for teenlast year, lossmakers either turned round or sold, and prosagers, and the micro chip into pects of overseas associates and Eisewhere in engineering, the subsidiaries looking healthy. trend was not so positive. The the final dividend rises by 15 per cent to 4.10 giving shareholders a total of 6.46p for the year. The shares rose on to 86p yearerday where they yield 7.5

Dobson Park up Borthwick slightly ahead

By Baron Phillips around 12

One of Britain's largest meat against traders, Thomas Borthwick, profits romanaged to keep on the right and Borthwick course in the 2 months to September 13. Autribusable finished profits just ahead at £4.56m against £4.55m. This attributable profit is

struck after including an extra-ordinary credit of £740,000. In last year's accounts the profit was struck after taking into account an extraordinary debit of £89,000. Withour either of these extraordinary items, the picture would look somewhat different

Brittains, whose shares have

been suspended since January

at 19p, is to be put into the

The group, which employs under 1,000 people, is unlikely to be able to make any payment to shareholders after the

Last year Equity Capital for Industry invested £1.5m in Brit-tains, of which only £500,000

The other major shareholder Oxford University Press

hands of a receive

and Bordwick finished the year business, some of the group's 8 per cour shead at £7.4m, newer operations are moving compared with £6.22m. The group suffered tax charges almost double the 978 figure, its regerously expanding of £3.95m. of £3.95m.

Earnings a share fell from last year's 10.530 to 8.47p, but the final dividend of 3.8p brings the 12 mouths total to 6.2p, the same at last time. The board states that the mainstream mest business produced a satisfactory, but undifferent.
The processing and retailing and New Zealand operations group increased minover by did well, but weak market con-

Brittains calls in receiver

around 12 per cent to £573.76m divious in the United Kin against £512.16m. Pre-tax for lamb this New Za profits rose faster than this. Outside Borthwick's forward, the board reports. It highlights the performance of its vogorously expanding retail chain in the United Kingdom and France. It now considers that the

group exercises sufficient influence over the Stanfocki Passorial Company to classify the company as an associate. The board also reports exchange losses of 12.31m which it attributes to the strength of sterling. This loss has been charged to reserves.

group creditors and overdrafts

for shareholders. During the

corrent year there has been a substantial erosion of the group's asset base.

Shareholders have not ye

received the 1978 annual re

sufficient an imance the reorganization of the remaining trading companies.

A receiver was appointed to
Brittains Paper in January.

Although the gross asset it is unlikely to be trading it
value of Brittain's emounts in the black for some time.

Carroll Inds sales top £100m

International

Timber

Corporation

Interim Report

The profit for the first half is struck after exceptional

The profit for the first half is struck after exceptional costs of over \$300,000, mainly related to the closure of Yarmouth. With the addition of Bambergers to the first half of the previous year to provide a comparable basis, sales show an increase of 18%. Similarly pre-tax profits, despite being reduced by high interest charges, are up by 8%. Trading for October and November has continued estistactorily but in current economic conditions the first quarter in 1950 is likely to be more difficult.

Your Board has decided to pay an interim dividend of 3.3p per Ordinary Stock Unit (1978-3.0p). The interim dividend will be paid on April 5th 1960 to stockholders on the register on March 7th 1980.

The leaved ordinary share capital of the Company was increased in July 1979 by a Rights Issue of 5,757.761
Ordinary shares of 25p each in the proportion of one new Ordinary share for every four existing Ordinary stock units

Ordinary share for every four existing Ordinary stock units of 250 each held. The new Ordinary shares were subscribed for on or before July 5th 1979 and converted to Ordinary stock units and have the right to the interim dividend payable on April 8th 1880. In the Group Results secretary are Ordinary stock unit for Saventher fitted 1875.

earnings per Ordinary stock unit for September 31th 1978

and March 31st 1979 have been recalculated to reflect the Rights Issue.

Group Results

External Sales

£196,000)...

Stock Unit

Profit for the Period ...

Profit before Taxation Taxation - 52% (1978 - 52%) - includes Overseas

Taxation 2228,000 (1978

Group Profit for the period

Completive Professore Stock Dividend Paid Interim Dividend requires Amount for each Ordinary

Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit

Unaudited for

the half year

30.9.78

£'000 70,852

3,614

1.818

1,796

679

3.0p

9.50

Audited for the

31.3.79

£'000 167.396

10,681

8,046

3,814

4,232

1,650

8.0863p

21.lp

By Our Financial Staff Dublin-based cigarette group, Carroll Industries managed a 15 per cent uplift in sales for the 12 mounts ended September 30, 1979. Group sales rose from f99m to £114.55m, which helped to boost trading profits by more than 22 per cent to £5.17m sgainst £5.052m last time.

Trading profits of the group are based on historical cost convention, and efter making adjustments of depreciation, cost of sales and monerary

last year's £3.98m.
On the group's cigarette performance, the board says it has been very satisfactory. The company increased its share of the domestic market over the year from 49 per cent to more than 50 per cent. Two products, Carrolls Number 1 and Major

Pre-tax profits under current carroll also state that export solution is £4.732m, an 18 per cent improvement over last year's £3.98m.

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Barker & Dobson loss; no interim payment

Barker and Dobson, the sweet and confectionery manifesturer and retailer, was hit by its Irish subsidiary in the first balf-year, which brought the group into an overall loss. Profits of £225,000 last year turned into pre-tax losses of £112,000, while sales dropped back from £16.4m in the 28 weeks to October 13, 1979. The interim dividend has been passed.

1978-79 accounts, this would normally here increased the interim, but in view of the pre-tax occurs, it decided it should be maintained into the second. Brown's increase in sales has been maintained into the second half and, while the board in the board in the profit growth can be held, there is no forecast for the £27.0m. (Frish currency), 86.3 per cent to £228,000 in the held, there is no forecast for the year.

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Lemon, the troublesome Irish subsidiary, has now transferred its selling and distribution divisions to Irish Tea Merchants but the move cost Barkers £114,000 in redundancies Mr. Bareld Airectundancies Mr. Barel cies. Mr Ronald Aitken, chairman, said that the company is now trading profitably and be believes the losses will not

ismein quiticnit in the sugar-a But trading conditions based confectionery industry and there has been a substan-tial reduction in demand," be

But Mr Aitken is optimistic about next year, although be admitted recovery is unlikely in the second half. "The measures we have taken will provide for sound growth in the future."

First-half knock to Beechwood

Having more than doubled its profits to a record £704,000 pre-tax in 1978-79, Dyfed-based Beechwood Construction (Holdings) is now down by a fifth in the current year.

In spite of turnover for the half-year to September 30 rising by 10 per cent to £5.4m, pre-tax profits fell by almost 22 per cent to £254,000. Increased costs, heavier interest charges, unseasonal weather, the higher cost of fuel and bituminous products and the engineering dispute are all blamed for the serback. However, the interim payment is being lifted from 0.84p to 0.88p gross. An arrangement for a term loan of £1.25m has been concluded with Barclays Bank. The board is proclays Bank. The board is pro-posing new articles of association to boost the group's bor-rowing powers. Based on the

half year to September 30. But, the board finds it difficult to be optimistic about the outcome of

optimistic about the outcome of the current year.

Although in value, turnover was 15 per cent higher, at £11.75m, there was only a two per cent increase in volume. Culter's board warns it seems certain that conditions in the United Kingdom will be less favourable in the rest of the year and indications are that order books will be alimmer. Heavier interest rates and more Heavier interest rates and more competition will affect margins.

Concern over Garton stocks Auditors' concern on the valu-

ation of Garton's stocks of seed potatoes stems from the high proportion of the company's

out of stocks now represent director's valuation £306,750 out of stocks of £411,950).

The chairmen maintains, however, that the company has been building up in stocks of seed portrant over the vest four pointoes over the past four years and intends to maintain adequate supplies." He said that the auditors did indicate that, by their calculations, there was doubt as to whether the attributable cost was higher than the valuations placed on the stock by the board.

N. Brown climbs by 43 pc at half-time

On turnover 14% per cent greater at £9.33m, protex profits of direct mail order group N. Brown Investments jumped by 43 per cent to £431,000 in the six months to September 1. Earnings per share have risen from 1.86p to 2.5p, while the interim dividend is held at 1.17p gross. The board explains that it would

Rothschild Trust's revenue up 25 per cent

Having reached a record 55.75m in 1978-79, pre-tax revenue of Rothschild Investment Trust goes marching on-it rose by 25 per cent to £3.17m in the half-year to September

As known, the interim payment, gross, is being lifted from 2.98p to 3.57p. Net asset value per 50p ordinary share at September 30: pre-conversion, 375p (308p a year sariier) and post-conversion, 368p (307p a rear earlier).

Wilson Bros down in first six months

With rurnover down from 57.14m to \$7 m for the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits uf the Wilson Bros greering cards group fell from £562,000 to £345,000. However, the board expects that the trading profitturnover ratio will increase in the second helf and, norwith-standing heavier interest char-ges, the year's pre-tax profits should not be materially dif-ferent from the previous year's

W Alexander looks for full-year rise

With turnover up from £14.61m to £18.35m for the half-year to September 30, pro-tax profits of Falkirk-based Walter Alexander rose by 23 per cent to £1.3m. Some subsidiary and associated companies have suffered in months described to \$1.50m. fered in varying degrees from the engineers strike (the board reports), but overall results are not expected to be significantly affected. In the absence of further disruptive action, Mr Walter R. Alexander, the chairnan, expects the year's profits

On turnover 25.7 per cent up at £27.03m. (Brish currency), pre-tax profits of the Dublin-based James Crean group rose by 30.8 per cent to £1.98m—a record—in the 12 months to June 30. The most dividend is being lifted from 7.5p (adjusted) to £57p gross. Another rise in pre-tax profits is expected for the current year. Crean covers many ectivates, including the bottling and distribution of stout and beer and the manufacture of mineral the manufacture of mineral

Options

Trading will commence on Monday in Racal Electronics on the traded options market as the traded options market as replacement to EMI, now part of Thorn. The series will be made up of February, May and August 180p, 200p, and 220p series. In the meantime, business in the traded options market yesterday remained at a fairly low ebb compared with the rest of the equity market. the rest of the equity market with total contracts amounting to 455 compared with Monday's figures of 223.
Activity among traditional

level with a fair amount of two

Recent Issues

Norsk Hydro optimistic

Norsk Hydro expects 1980 to bring improved group profits but the Aker Group foresees a probable decline, Norges In-dustri,—the journal of the Federation of Norwegian Indus-

ries, reports.
The journal polled 42 industrial companies on their profit expectations for 1979 and 1980 in view of the expiry this month of a 15-month prices and in-

of a 15-mount passes comes freeze.
Some 23 companies forecast better results this year, compared with 1978, while 12 predicted worse and seven expectation change.

ted no change.

HONEYWELL says that it will enter 1980 with very high backlogs in all of its businesses. but expects new orders to begin to slow early in the new year. The slowdown will particularly affect products sold into the

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ...

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July	27	3,624	2,516
AUg	1.038	4,362	3,870
Sept	1,760	6,622	4,918
Oct	119	6.741	4.782
MOY	1,690	8,431	6,389
Full ye	av: . O .	9.564*	8,084

new housing and commercial construction markets as well as

BETHLEHEM STEEL OF pects to increase base prices and certain extra charges for bars and semi-finished products railroad products and rod wire and various tabular products on jan 1. The company said the increases when spread across all of its steel products

International

HONGKONG LAND has agreed with Jardine Securities—a member of the Jardine Matheson Group—to acquire 9 million ordinary shares in the Hongkong and Kowloon Whart and Godown Co (93 per cent). Following the acquirition, Hongkong Land Group will own just under 20 per cent of the issued share capital of HK Wharf. In addition, Hongkong Land will acquire from Jardines their 259 per cent interest in East Point Hotels, which owns the Excelsion Hotels, which owns the Excelsion Hotels, which owns the Interest to 78 per cent. Their outstanding 334 per cent interest in East Point management, the Excelsion Hotel Management, and the 50 per cent interest not, already owned by Hongkong Land in Ewoland which owns the Excelsion Shopping Centre.

Bank statements for November

Statements of the London Charing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isla of Man made up to November 21 are summarized in the table below.

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Development of final phase of Combran shopping centre has been awarded to M.E.P.C. Site has been acquired on a 125-year ground lease basis. MILFORD DOCKE

which accepted shares and loss stock to the value of £1.7m in February 1978 when it sold Wolvercote Mill to Brittains.

Earlier this year the group announced that it was to close down or sell all of its non paper making activities. Although this has new been done the cash generated has not been sofficient in finance the re-

MILEOSID DOCAT

Mr R. Ridridge of Scanoil has
written to stareholders of Milford
Docks, saying he and a group of
supporters claiming 27 per cent
of the shares, wish to appoint three
firectors as a minority on the
board to seek improve company's
return on capital.

TELERIDDE RAGARIA
INVESTMENTS
Board making strangements for an acquisition, largely for a consideration of shares, which will transform the nature of Telbredge and will result in shareholders receiving a cash offer of 20p per share for the ordinary and 25p for each preferance.

GEI INTERNATIONAL
Shareholders of GEI lumb,
national have approved the issue
of 2.56m GEI ordinary shares to
Equity Capital for Industry and
the Trustees of the National Coal
Board Pension Funds RCI and the
Trustees of NGE Pension Funds
are subscribing equally to the
less, which will yield about 22m.

DOLLOND AND APPCHISON-Group is negotiating sale of its Autoflow engineering subdiding to City Crown of Thame, Oxford-thire, for an inhibitosed sum. Autoflow is a leading mannia-turer of speciacle lass-making machinery.

PYKR (HOLDINGS)

Chartest states dut considerable stort has been made during able stort been productively of and emort has been made turing year to improve profitability of subsidiaries as part of disc continuing programme because hiddents company will drordy be moving into new premises. He is confident that results of boards efforts will be reflected in next

TENHOUSE GROUP

The Glasgow-based international internatio

GENERAL ENGINEERING
General Engineering Raddiffe
1979. Ltd., which apok over the
business and certain assets of the
General Engineering Co (Rad-

cliffe) Lad, now in the hands-of the joint receivers and managers is to continue trading and is to be provided with additional facilities by Williams and Glyn's Bark. The company has received sate stantial orders from home an overseas customers, and the present order book

CONCENTRIC OFFIGURETIC

While it would be." footish and impandent." so forecast, for the coming year with business pattern distorted by evenue, the director of Concentric, manufacturers o

Briefly

controls and assemblies for ti

comparable to those of last you second half. But he thought to best to be keped for was a repetion of last year's pattern, with meet contribution from the Unit Kingdom for the first half, and profit erising from overses?

YEARLING BONDS Interest rate on this week issues of local surhority years bonds is back up to 15) per congress to the peak renched I mouth and in Jamasy, 1976. Is price is 100 (last week 15) per cont 100).

The News Corporation, which the new Australian holding copany for News Limited's mentioners throughout the world, I raised a medium-term loan of (1950m for the refinancing of existing loan and for the expansional sense recovery to propose the propose of the refinancing of existing loan and for the expansional sense corporate proposes. tind general corporate purposes the News Corporation Group Anaralia. The loan, which warranged through a Brance studiery of The News Corporation was signed in London on December 11, 1979. Hambros Bank managinal syndicated the loan.

Interim Report

50% Increase in half year profits

Summary of Results for the half year to 26 September, 1979.

Half Year Full Year 1978 1979 1978/79 £'000 £,000 €,000 Turnover 31,347 23,388 **50**,520 Group Trading Profit 1,458 944 1,957 Profit before Tax 3,047 697 1,317 Dividenda per share _ 2.5p 2.5p 9.0p Earnings per share 12.20 8.1p 27.6p

· Half Year figures unaudited and after a full tax charge

 A very successful bus and coach sales season, helped by profits from Northampton Car Auctions and a useful contribution from petrol sales have resulted in record first half year figures.

We are fortunate in having a wide spread of motor related activities. Overall, therefore, despite present uncertainties, we look forward to another satisfactory year.

Dividend policy will be reviewed at the year end.



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(a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of The Netherlands registered in The Hague—No. 83420)

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Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for all the issued Ordinary Shares of N.V. Beleggingsmaatschappij WERELDHAVE.
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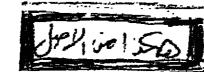
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MARKET REPORTS

Discount market

Civing help on a small scale, he Bank of England bought out a hortage in the discount marker resterday by purchasing Treasury sills and local authority bills.

Earlier in the session, if had ooked as though the shortage night have been rather more sizble than that, and rates that had peued mainly on the lower side of a range of 151-1 per cent moved of a pretty, firm 155 per cent, which still ruled at the end of the normings for secured "call" zoney. However, with today's midaonix make up at hand for the anks, a feature of the session as the readiness of lenders to ut out money for short periods ather than overnight. So a goodeal of business was done on the asis of deposits for anything beween two and nine days.

Money Market Rates

Clier

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank 17% Barclays Bank 7 17% BCCI Bank 17% Consolidated Cross 17% C. Hosre & Co ... *179 Lloyds Bank 179 London Mercantile Midland Bank Nat Westminster Williams and Glyn's

4 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 15%, up to £25,000 184%, over C25.000 15444.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 11.—Stock prices weakened in active early mading this morning. Declines led advances six to-five.

Analysts said the market was responding to weakness in the dollar and the sharp rise in gold prices, which reflect concern about off price decisions due from Opec next week. Additionally, the interest rare picture remains cloudy.

American Cyanamid eased 1 in active trading after rising two yesterday on takeover speculation. Consolidated Preightways eased 1 to 241 and McLean Tracking 1 to 124. Polaroid dipped 2 to 267 and Eastman Kodak 1 to 482.

Silver gains 43 cents

Commodities

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovet Lane London ECSR 858 Telephone: 01-838 8661 The Over-the-Counter Market

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Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.

KShoes Limited

cear ended 30th September	1979	1978
roup Turnover	£000's	£000's
but before taxation	5,022	3,945
axation roup Profit after Taxation	1,212. 3,810	1,266 2,679
rdinary Dividends Interim — paid	3.44	% 2.64
Final — proposed TOTAL	7:06 10.50	5.36 8.00
mounts absorbed by dividends	£000's	£000's
Preference — paid Ordinary — paid and proposed TOTAL	591 500	11 450
	602 16.87p	461 11.85p

The Directors propose a final Ordinary Dividend of 765 pence per share (1978 - 1.34 pence), so that the total r the year is 2.625 pence per share (1978 - 2.00 pence). the 1978 figures are adjusted to take account of the 1 for 2 apitalisation Issue in February 1979.

NNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting will be held in Kendal on sursday, 14th February 1980. The final Ordinary vidend will be paid on 3rd March 1980 to Shareholders the Register at 14th January 1980. IAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman, Mr. S. Crookenden, comments. Pre tax profits for the year at £5,022,000 showed a % increase over last year on a turnover increase of 16% ille Group Profits after tax increased by 42% to ,810,000.

We have made further progress during the year, both retailing and in manufacturing. K children's shoes, in runique 'KIDPROOF' leather, have shown particularly ong growth in pairs sold. Factories and shops have de a reasonable start to the new financial year?

Shoes Limited, Kendal, Cumbria



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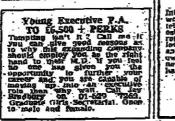
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Even so, much of the demand now comes from people looking for a permanent bome on a lesser scale than they would have considered some years back.

less popular than it used to price is about £37,500. he, and will probably remain until economy is once more opposite the church. Here

very much in the local tra- lath and plaster, with a later dition and both in village extension, all pink colour locations are for sale through James Abbott, of Wickham Market, Suffolk.

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An unusual small cottage property in a town cottage property in a town cottage. Present accommodation in-

This means that potential cludes a sitting room showbuyers pay more attention to ing exposed stud work and what might be called the beams, a dining room with 'liveability" of the property a large window looking over throughout the year, its dis- the garden, a well-fitted kittance from village shops and chen, a study and a badiroom downstairs. Upstairs The kind of remote prop- are three bedrooms. Outside, erty only really suitable for the whole property is about occasional use in summer is a quarter of an acre. The

The other property is Pir the country's Tree Cottage, at Earl Soham, again construction is the Two East Anglian cortages traditionally timber frame, washed and with a thatched roof. The sitting room is more than 20ft long and there is a good-sized dining room as well. Upstairs are sex. It stands at the end of three bedrooms and a bath-There are gardens



Cobrin, at Worplesdon, Surrey, modern architecture at about

Church Street. Old Town, Bexhill-on-Sea, in East Susa terrace and is part weatherboarded and part tile hung. price is £34,500.

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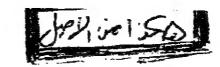
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the our memories of Testament of Youth, with its triding paecas by Roland Leighton, are still fresh, it fike excellent planning on the BBC's part to choose as it's Playhouse (BBC 2, 9.35) a play about another of the boets of the Great War who, like Leighton, was destined in some foreign field. Dantot Blake's Sweet Wine of its about the short life of Rupert Brooke. The dramatic re is reinforced by his letters and poems, and ration is based on the memoirs of Eddie Marsh, the tlose friend. Simon Shepherd plays Brooke, Richard plays Marsh.

e not myself listened to Professor Ali Marroi's 1979 Lectures on The African Condition (Radio 4, 7.45) but itative sources (as they say), assure me they have been unlified success. They end tonight with Professor posing the question: Should Africa enter the politics of r power and nuclear proliferation? ... Kenneth More, en beard in a radio play, stars in today's Afternoon e, Chicken on the Road (Radio 4, 3.15) in which he plays ressman who gives a hitchhiker a lift. Bob Wilson wrote ama about self-revelation ... Russell Harty's Mid Week mme (Radio 4, 9.05 am) describes itself as "an ordinary low". Such modesty. Mr Harty would not know a proper property would not know a ntional question if one rose up and struck him. More ant, he will not allow a conventional reply to lie,

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12.45 pm News and weather. 1,00 Pabble Mill at One: Katharine Whitehorn journalist and broad-caster, gives some advice about as cooking.

1.45 Over the Moon; the story is What Goes Up Comes Down, Close down at 2.00. 3.00 Dechran Siarad: Welsh programme. 3.25 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: the art of making a good Christmas

pudding (r).

3.55 Fizy School: the story is Trouble in the Ark.

4.20 Pixle and Dixie: carboon. Heavens to Jinksy (r).

4.25 Jackanory: John Grant reads his story Littlenose the Dancer.

4.46 Taraza, Lord of the Jongie: animated story. The Beast in the Iron Mask.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround: plained about, saying it was in very plained about, saying it was in very poor taste. It is the one in which a hotel guest dies and his body has episode of the E. Nesbit story about a magic ring. Tought: the

10.20 Gharbar: for Asian women living in Britain. Close-down at 10.45.

5.40 Laurel and Bardy: One Good Turn* Stanley and Oliver are

vagrants who belo an old woman they mistakenly believe to be in deep trouble.

6.00 Advenues at Sea: Third in-stalment of the story of Thor Heyerdahi's voyage in the reed boat Tigris (r).

6.50 Test Piece : How the Dalmell-

ington Silver Hand from Ayrshire, prepared in defend their pile of champions of Scotland. The climax

9.39 am Don't just Sit There: Magnus Pyke, David Bellamy and Robert Buckman with some facts for children (r).

10.00 Australian Plague Locusts: what is being done to control the

10.20 Rocket Robin Hood: cartner.

10.40 Fantasy Island. Silly American series about an island where dreams are made to come true.

11.30 Crown Court : a verdict in

the harassment case.

11.55 The Bubbles: cartoon. Mr
Centigrade's Flying Machine.
12.00 Cloppa Castle: mediaeval

pupper story.

12.10 pm Pipkins: moving into a new home. For children.

12.30 Farmhouse Kitchen: Homemade yoghourt, ice-cream and hot

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5.55 Nationwide: News bulleting apart, this is the one regular programme whose contents you can never be sure about in advance. 6.45 Appels : hospital series. Why one nurse is not happy about work-ing in the gynaecology ward. 7.10 Star Trek: repeat showing of one of the segments of the televi-sion series from which the present

is this year's championships at the Motherwell Civic Centre. 7.20 News: with subtitles for the hard of hearing.
7.39 The Old Grey Whistle Test:
repeat showing of last night's rock
programme. With Jane Ayre and
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8.05 The Book Programme: last of
the present series. Includes a literary parlour game which is just
right for the run up to Christmas.

8.30 Discovering Churches: penultimate instalment of Donald
Sinden's wordy perambulations
around places of worship. Tonight
he goes to All Saints' Church at
Cottesbrooke in Northamptonshire
and-the Church of St Lawrence at
Little Stammore, Middlesex.

9.00 Party Political Broadcast, by
the Labour Party.

1.00 News: with Peter Sissons.
1.20 Thames News: with Robin
Houston.
1.30 Armchair Thriller: part three

of The Limbo Councition.
Police suspect a film writer has mardered his wife.
2.00 After Noon Plus: which

books to buy the children for Christmas. 2.45 General Hospital: serial. A search for a disease carrier. 3.45 Hobsou's Choice: Derek Hob-son's interview show.

4.15 Kidsworld: young presenters in a show for young viewers, 4.45 Famare for Young Musicians: this programme will decide who will be next week's four finalists. 5.15 The Practice: series about father and son doctors.

father and son, doctors.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thimes News.
6.25 Eleip! Why you must throw away your used stamps.
6.35 Crossroads: motel series.

9.10 M*A*S*H: Korea war comedy-dramas about an army medical unit, with the accent mainly on cornedy. Tonight: a seller of cheap jewelry helps to solve a problem over a wounded soldier's bleeding leg.
9.35 Playbouse: Sweet Wine of Youth. Television version of Darrol Blake's stage play about Rupert Brooke. With Simon Shepherd as the soldier-poet and Rachel Kempson as his mother (see Personal Choice). 11.15 Open Door; another showing of last Saturday's edition in against local authorities. 11.45 Closedowa: Shelley's poem Hellas is read by Gwen Watford.

9.10 M*A*S*H:

7.00 This is Your Life: another camonn Andrews biographical

ribute.

7.30 Coronation Street: two men have designs on Suzie Birchall.

8.40 The Big Top Variety Show entertainment in a circus. With Bernie Winters, Charles Annavour and venuriloquist Roger de Courcey.

9.40 Party Political Broadcagi: by the Labour Party.

9.40 The Racing Game: Horses for Courses. Another Dick Francis thriller. Tonight: on the trail of the con men of the turf.

10.10 News.

10.40 Borderline: Documentary about the many faces of modern Africa. Presented by writer and broadcaster Anthony Verrier.

11.40 Pacts for Life: protecting young children against accidents and disease.

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12.18 am Close: Kenneth Conno

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Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing. 6,10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 2.30 Headlines.

35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-Week with Russell Harty. 10.00 News. 10.05 Gardeners' Question Time.

11.00 News. 11.05 Baker's Dozen.† 12.00 News. 12.62 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Plays: And No Birds Sing;

19.25 Sportmight: coverage of the World Gympastics Championship from Fort Worth, Tesas. Will Nadia Comanecl, the wonder gul from Romania, again steal the honours? This edition also features the men's apparatus championships.

11.10 News Headlines.

11.12 Partinon- with William 12.55 Weginer.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour. 11.12 Parkinson: with William Shatner (of Star Trek) James Burke and Max Boyce. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen with Mother.

Leavings. 12.55 Weather.

3.15 Play: Chicken on the Road, by Bob Wilson. 4.00 Choral Evensong.† 4.45 Story: A Word to Scoffers. 5.00 PM. 5.35 Weather. 6.00 News.

the Labour Party. Also carried on BEC 2 and the ITV network. 9.10 News: with Richard Baker. 9.35 Robinson's Travels: part one of Robert Robinson's odystey through India (see Personal Choice)

5.00 P.M. 5.55 Weather.
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7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.25 Checkpoint.
7.45 Reith Lectures (6).
8.15 Pen to Paper.;
8.45 File on 4.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. 10.00 World Tonight.
10.30 Three-Piece Sweet.;
11.90 A Book at Bedrime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15-12.23 am Weather. VHF

6.50 am Regional news. Weather. 7.50 Regional News. Weather. 5.50 pm Regional News. Weather. 11.06-11.30 Study on 4: Sur le Vif.

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Chabrier, Debussy, Sauguet.† 8.00 News.

8.05 Records: Wagenseil, Rei-chardt, Mozart, Albrechtsberger.; 9.00 News. 9.05 Elgar (Apostles Pt II).† 10.00 Organ; Fricker, Bach, Mendelishon.†
10.35 Strings: Raff, Bosst.†
11.05 Vnices and viols: Gibbons.†
11.35 BBC Scottish SO/Henry
Lewis: Haydn (Sym 88), Mozart,
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an out News. 1.85 Chamber music : Handel, Cop-land, Ives, Cowell, Marcello, 2.05 Music Weekly.†
2.55 Kodaly (Hary Janus).†
3.25 Young British compo
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4.05 BEC Concert Orch:

sager.† 5.10 Young Music-Makers.† 5.25 Homeward Bound.† 5.50 Homeward Bound.; 6.15 At Home.; 7.10 Flute quartets: Mozart, Rous-

8.00 BBC SO/Gielen (live from Festival Hall): Goehr (Babylon the Great is Fallen, 1st perf).† 8.58 Six Condinents. 9.10 BBC SO: Beethoven (Choral 9.10 BBC SO: Beemoven (Choral Pant and Sym 5).† 10.25 Scientifically Speaking, 11.10 Spierer/Berlin :PO/Stein Penderecki (Vin Conc).† 11.55-12.00 News.

Radio 2

5.00 am News, weather. 5.03 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03 Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm Waggoners' Walk. 12.30 Derek Hobson.† 2.15 David Hamilton.† 4.15 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 John Dunn.† 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 The

Organist Entertains.† 7.30 Listert to the Band.† 8.15 The Magic of the Musicals.† 9.82 Green On : /. Loesser.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Stop the World. 10.30 Hubert Gregg. 11.02 Medium Dry Sherrin.† 12.02 am Brian Matthew.† 2.02-5.0 You and the Night and the music.

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2, 6.00 Dave Lee Travis, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.31 Paul Burnett, 2.00 Andy Perbles, 4.31 Kid Jensen, 7.00 Mailbar, 8.0 Mike Read, 9.50 Newsbeat, 10.00 John Peel. 12.00-5.00 am As Radio

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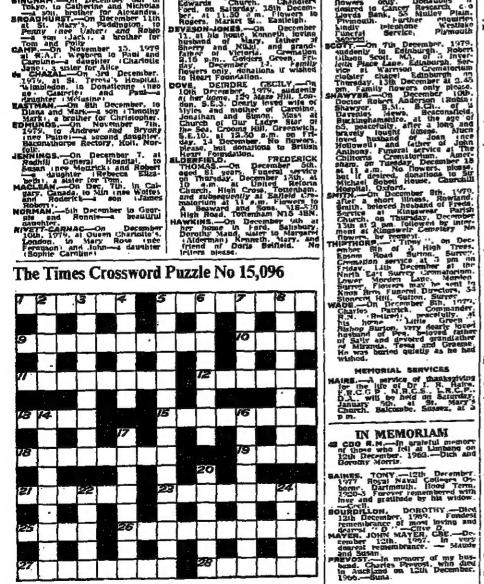
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